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Kiss & White Lily
for My Dearest Girl
CANNO

All's fair in love and war.

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LOOK! IT'S SHIRAMINE-SAN.
PERFECT MANNERS, EXCELLENT GRADES...
...SHE'S CUTE TOO!
YOUR TIE IS CROOKED.
A MODEL SEIRAN ACADEMY STUDENT!!
FIRST-YEAR, CLASS C
AYAKA SHIRAMINE

Chapter 1:
The Genius and the Prodigy

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HEH.
HOW...
ISWOON...
ほ？
IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, I WAS NUMBER ONE IN EVERYTHING.
NATURALLY, I WORKED HARD TO GET THERE.
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NO 1
I WOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE MODEL STUDENT.
THE ALL GIRLS ACADEMY COVERS MIDDLE SCHOOL ALL THE WAY TO UNIVERSITY, SO IN THEORY, NOTHING SHOULD HAVE CHANGED.
AND THEN I MOVED ON TO THE ACADEMY'S HIGH SCHOOL

SHIRAMINE-SAN'S NUMBER TWO AGAIN?
SHE'S BEEN STUCK AT TWO EVER SINCE WE STARTED HIGH SCHOOL
MAYBE SHE'S NOT FEELING WELL?
I CAN HEAR YOU, YOU KNOW ...
GU (CLENCH)
WELL, SHE'S UP AGAINST ...
OR SO I THOUGHT.
HUH?
2. Shiramine, Ay
3. Ohki, Mifuyu
4. Miyajima, A
5. Akatsuki, Ry
8. Sato, Hana
9. Miki, Rei
10. Oshima

...KUROSAWA-SAN, SO...
AH!
SUPI (SNRR)
YURINE KURO-SAWA!!
FIRST-YEAR, CLASS C YURINE KUROSAWA
COME TO THE FRONT AND SOLVE IT FOR US!!
SUKON (SMACK)
BUN (FWIP)
QUES-TION SIX!
GO (RUMBLE)
GO
GO
GO
QUES-TION SIX!?
GATAN (KLAK)
THAT'S THE ONE FROM THE EXAM FOR THAT UNIVERSITY THAT'S NOTORIOUSLY HARD TO GET INTO...
EVEN I NEEDED HALF AN HOUR TO SOLVE IT

HEH...
THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS THOUGH.
YOU HAVE TO REALLY WORK TO SOLVE A PROBLEM LIKE THIS.
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EVEN IF YOU ARE...
...A GENIUS...
KA
(TAK)
KA
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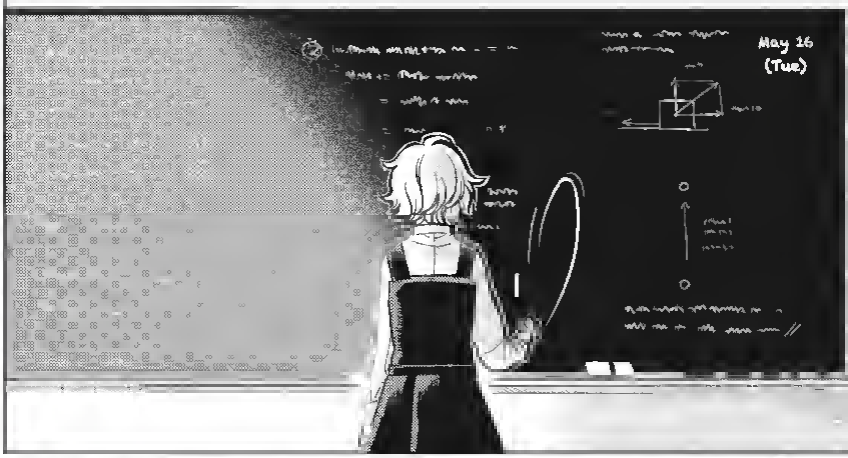
KA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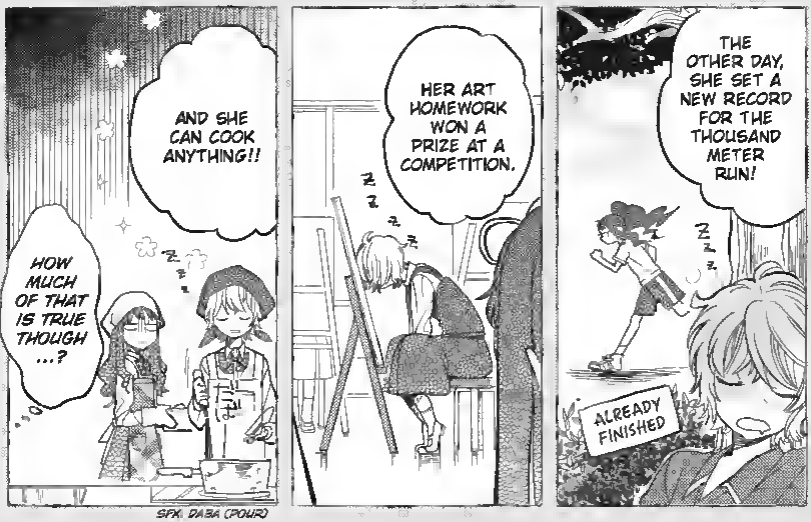
SHE DID IT.

IS THIS A MANGA!!?
NOTEBOOK

HEY, DID YOU HEAR..
.. ABOUT KUROSAWA-SAN!?


AND SHE CAN COOK ANYTHING!!
HOW MUCH OF THAT IS TRUE THOUGH ...?
SFX: DABA (POUR)
HER ART HOMEWORK WON A PRIZE AT A COMPETITION.
THE OTHER DAY, SHE SET A NEW RECORD FOR THE THOUSAND METER RUN!
ALREADY FINISHED

SHE JUST STARTED AT THE ACADEMY TOO! SO COOL...!
I GET THE PICTURE, AND I AM NOT...
.. AT ALL HAPPY WITH IT.
OF COURSE SHE SITS NEXT TO ME TOO
EVERY CLUB AND TEAM AT SCHOOL IS BEGGING HER TO JOIN.
GARA (SLIDE)

WA (AWE)
IT'S THE TRACK TEAM.
MIZUKI-SENPAI IS SO HAND-SOME!
LIKE A PRINCE!
SHIRA-MINE-SAN, YOU'RE ROOMMATES, AREN'T YOU?
WITH MIZUKI-SENPAI?
OH. YEAH...
LUCKYYY! YOU GUYS LOOK SO GOOD TOGETHER!
KYA!
KYA! (SQUEE)
I WANT PICTUURES!
PIC-TURES...?
KURO-SAWA-SAN.
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING THE TRACK TEAM?

KUROSAWA-SAN, YOU'RE A VERY ATTRACTIVE RUNNER.
KYUU (SQUEEEE)
GU (CLUTCH)
WE'RE WILLING TO ACCOMMODATE ANY CONCERNS OR ISSUES YOU MIGHT HAVE. YOU ONLY NEED TO ASK!
THE TRACK TEAM'S PRETTY EAGER, HUH?
GUESS IT'LL BE GOOD FOR THE TEAM TO HAVE HER, BUT...
. . SHE CHEATS SO MUCH, IT MAKES YOU JUST WANNA GIVE UP, YOU KNOW . .

NO, THANK YOU.
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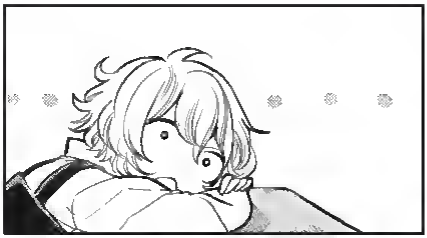
BA (FWIP)

SHE PROBABLY LIKES BEING ALONE.
A LONE WOLF, HUH?
SO WE CAN'T BE FRIENDS?
WHAT A WAAAAASTE! IF I WERE HER, I'D JOIN TWO TEAMS!
ACTING COOL, HUH...
HOW WOULD THAT WORK?

SHIN (SILENCE)
KUROSAWA-SAAAAAN! IF YOU'RE FREE, COME TO KARAOKE WITH US ON SATURDAY!
GUI (GRAB)
HUH?
KURO
...AND...
AND?
?
HISO (WHISPER)
HISO
AND YOU'RE GOING TO ANNOY HER IF YOU TRY TO FORCE HER TO COME...
IT'S NOT NICE TO WAKE SOMEONE UP WHEN THEY'RE SLEEPING!
SHE FEELS KIND OF UNAPPROACHABLE.
I MEAN, SHE CAN DO ANYTHING...



YOU DON'T LIKE KARAOKE?

I'VE NEVER BEEN, SO I DON'T KNOW...

WELL, YOU DON'T KNOW THAT, DO YOU?
...SO IT'S FINE...
ANYWAY, GOING WITH ME WOULDN'T BE ANY FUN...

...AND YOU MIGHT FIND A NEW THING YOU LIKE.
WHY NOT TRY IT?

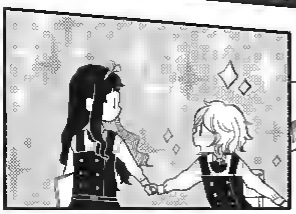
UEHARA-SAN AND THE OTHERS ARE NICE...

THE HONOR STUDENT
NIKKORI (SMILE)
にっこり
EVERYONE JUST WANTS TO GET TO KNOW YOU.
ME TOO, OF COURSE...
UM...
CAN... CAN I COME TOO?

YOU DID IT AGAIN, SHIRAMINE-SAN!
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING.
HAVE FUN, OKAY?
GATAN (CLATTER)

WAI (DELIGHT)
OF COOOURSE!!

PASHI (GRAB)



WHAT ABOUT YOU, SHIRAMINE-SAN?
YOU'RE NOT GOING?
WHAAAT?
I WANT TO STUDY FOR THE EXAM, SO...

BUT MIDTERMS JUST ENDEEED!
DO YOU LIKE TO STUDY KUROSAWA-SAN?
NO... I HATE STUDY-ING.
WOW!
SO YOU REALLY ARE A GENIUS, AREN'T YOU!?
SO COOOOL!
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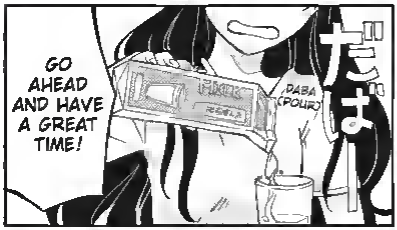
GO AHEAD AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!
DABA (POUR)
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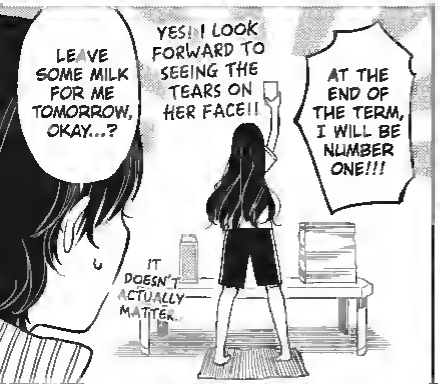
GULP GULP


LEAVE SOME MILK FOR ME TOMORROW, OKAY...?
YES!! I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE TEARS ON HER FACE!!
AT THE END OF THE TERM, I WILL BE NUMBER ONE!!!
IT DOESN'T ACTUALLY MATTER.

"GENIUS"! GOOD GRIEF!
IRA (ANNOYED)
DON'T THROW A WORD LIKE THAT AROUND!!
IRA

SIGN: SUZURAN DORM

ARE YOU GOING, SHIRAMINE-SAN? THEN I'LL COME TOO.
EVER SINCE THEN, SHE'S BEEN CONSTANTLY TRYING TO HANG OUT.
SHIRAMINE-SAN, CAN I EAT LUNCH WITH YOU?
YOU LIKE STRAWBERRIES? YOU CAN HAVE THEM ALL!!
IS IT A STRATEGY TO KEEP ME FROM STUDYING!?

JACKET: TRACK TEAM

HOW RUDE!!
I'M NOT PLAYING!!
I AM A TRUE-BLUE HONOR STUDENT!!
BAN (BAMO)
YOU PLAY THE HONOR STUDENT, AYAKA-CHAN
...BUT YOU'RE REALLY THIS BRUTAL GIRL RIGHT HERE!
AND YET, YOU'RE THE PRINCE OF THE ACADEMY. THE WORLD ONLY CARES ABOUT LOOKS, I SWEAR!
TOGE
TOGE (THORN)
VER-BAL VIO-LENCE
HMPH! I GUESS IF YOU'RE 150 SPOTS DOWN, THERE'S NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND!
SO MEAN...
HA (SIGH)
AND I'M NOT GONNA START HATING YOU...
...JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT NUMBER ONE OR WHAT-EVER.
BOKI (SNAP)
DON'T HATE ME, OKAY?
...I'M SORRY.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TALK TO LIKE THIS, MIZUKI.
IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BETTER, IT'S ALL GOOD.
IT'S FINE... I'M USED TO IT.
I DIDN'T WANT TO GET USED TO IT, BUT HERE WE ARE.

I BELIEVE YOU, MIZUKI...
... BUT ...
.....
...I HAVE TO BE PERFECT.
Term 1 Midterm
1. Kurosawa, Yu
2. Shiramine, Aya
Ohki, Mifuyu
HEY! THIS SHIRA-MINE, AYAKA ...
GIKU CTWITCH
ギク
IT IS...
...IS THAT YOU?
GYU CCLUTCH
AH!

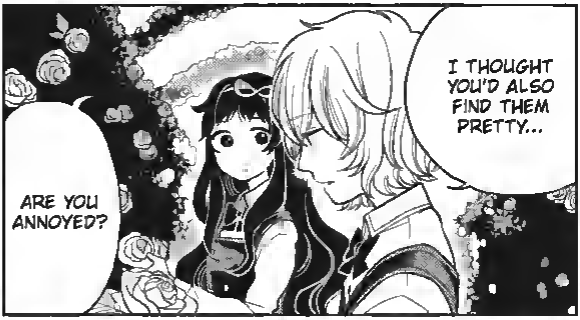
IT IS, HUH...?
SHE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I'M THE ONLY ONE STESSING THIS HERE.
I SEE.
IS SHE TRYING TO GET ME GOING?
KACHIN (SNAP)
YOU'RE PRETTY SMART.
NIKO (GRIN)
I'M GONNA TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE NICE.
OH YEAH. SHIRAMINE-SAN...?

PAST THE ROAD...
SHE'S SO FAST...
OF COURSE
EVEN PAST...
.. THE ARCHERY GROUNDS ...
SOME-WHERE NICE?
すり
SURU (SHF)
WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU—
COME ON!
GUI (YANK)
AH!

HOA CAWE
はな
AMAZING, RIGHT?
THE ROSE GARDEN ...
IT'S SO BEAU-TIFUL.
DO YOU LIKE ROSES, KUROSAWA-SAN?
IT'S WHERE THE GARDENING CLUB WORKS.
UEHARA-SAN TOLD ME ABOUT IT.

I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS PRETTY.

NOT PARTICULARLY.
LIKE, "OH, HEY, A FLOWER."
OH. REALLY ...?


I THOUGHT YOU'D ALSO FIND THEM PRETTY...
ARE YOU ANNOYED?

THEY'RE REALLY WONDERFUL.
I'M SO GLAD YOU SHOWED ME.

UH...SO, KARAOKE WAS FUN.
UEHARA-SAN WAS NICE.
THAT'S GREAT.
JUST LIKE I TOLD YOU, RIGHT?
PA (PWAAA)
SO SHE WANTED TO THANK ME, I GUESS?
SHE CAN BE KIND OF SWEET
MAYBE I WAS WRONG TO BE SO HARD ON HER
KUSH (GIGGLE)
I HAVE HIGH HOPES FOR YOU...
I THINK YOU'RE AMAZING, SHIRAMINE-SAN.
I...
HOPES? FOR WHA—
PASHI (GRAB)

I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN...
...LOOKING FOR SOME-ONE LIKE YOU FOR SO LONG...

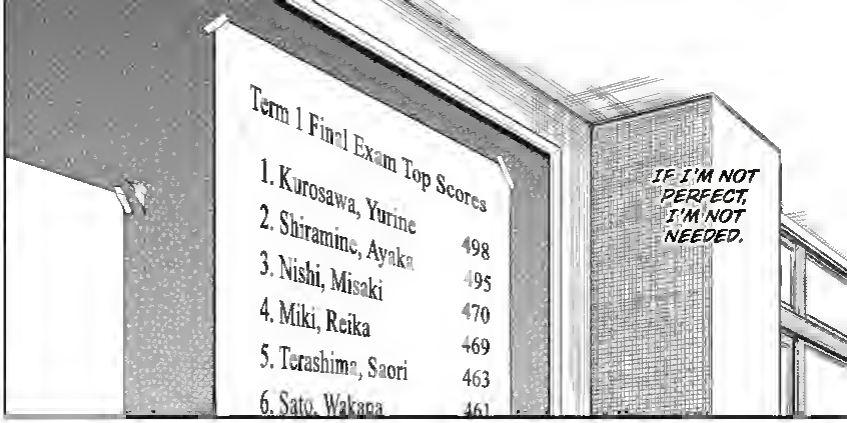
I'M OPEN!
ZA (LEAP)
PI (TWEET)
HERE WE GO!
PI
PEAN (WHAM)
1 2
AHHH
OF COURSE.
THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM WON'T SHUT UP EITHER.
BO (SPACEY)
SHE'S A LITTLE HARD TO APPROACH THOUGH.
OF COURSE ...

NICE HUSTLE!
NIKO (GRIN)
SO COOL!
HA (GASP)
IT'S BECAUSE KUROSAWA-SAN WAS SAYING ALL THAT WEIRD STUFF.
NOW I'M GETTING ALL WEIRD!
BAKU
GYU (SQUEEZE)
NO...
BAKU (THUMP)
BAKU
NO, NO, NO.
BAKU

SHE'S DROOLING.
SUPI (SNARK)
COULD I JUST ACCEPT HER?
...NO. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
RIGHT, MOTHER?
TON (TAP)
MATH
95
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
YOU LEARNED THIS AT SCHOOL YOU SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN ONE HUNDRED.
YOU HAVE TO TRY HARDER, AYAKA.
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAVE SOME OVERAMBITIOUS GOAL.
EIGHTY-EIGHT! THAT'S FIVE POINTS HIGHER!!
THAT'S SO GREAT!

YOU REALLY TRIED HARD, DIDN'T YOU?
IT'D BE NICE IF WE COULD BE FRIENDS, WOULDN'T IT?
BUT I WAS SO HAPPY.
AYAKA-CHAN NO. 2
LETTING MY HEART BE MOVED BY MY ENEMY SOLVES NOTHING!!
I HAVE TO BE FLAWLESS!
GET IT TOGETHER AYAKA!
AYAKA-CHAN NO. 1
KASHAN (GLAM)
THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE COULD LOVE ME WHEN I'M NOT PERFECT!
SHE SAID I WAS AMAZING...
WHAT ABOUT ALL MY HARD WORK!?
SHE'S NOT A BAD PERSON THOUGH.
ALL SHE DOES IS SLEEP, AND YET SHE'S NUMBER ONE! IT MAKES ME SO ANGRY!

ONLY THE "PERFECT ME" DESERVES PRAISE AND LOVE.
IT'S TWO O'CLOCK
AYAKA-CHAN...
...IF YOU DON'T SLEEP, YOU'LL GET SICK AGAIN, YOU KNOW?
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR SLEEP!
I HAVE TO WIN...
... BEFORE ...
GU (CLUTCH)
...IT GETS TO MY HEAD ANY MORE.
ZUKI (ACHE)
IF ONLY KUROSAWA-SAN HADN'T COME HERE...
...I COULD STILL BE NUMBER ONE!!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2. Shiramine, Ayaka 495
3. Nishi, Misaki 495
4. Miki, Reika 470
5. Terashima, Saori 469
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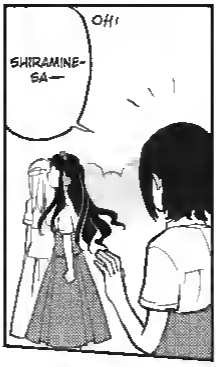
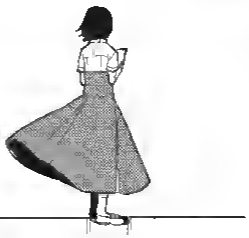
IF I'M NOT PERFECT, I'M NOT NEEDED.

Yurine 498

Ayaka 495





DOKUN
DOKUN
EVEN KUROSAWA-SAN...
I DIDN'T WORK HARD ENOUGH.
DOKUN
WHAT DID I GET WRONG?
DOKUN (BADMP)
IF I HAD GOTTEN TOP MARKS IN ALL FIVE, I COULD HAVE WON.
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
SEE YOU!
SHIRAMINE-SAN?
IF ONLY KUROSAWA-SAN WEREN'T HERE!!
EVERY-ONE...
MOTHER ...
GASA (RUSTLE)
I'VE DISAP-POINTED THEM AGAIN.
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WOW!
NINETY-EIGHT.
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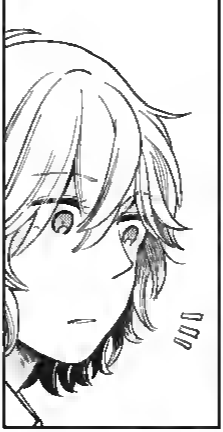


PITO (POP)
LET'S WALK HOME TOGETHER!
KURO-SAWA-SAN!?
NGH!

YOU REALLY TRIED HARD, HUH?

BIRI
BIRI
BIRI
BIRI (RIP)
WHY DID YOU TEAR IT UP?
DIDN'T YOU WORK HARD FOR THAT?

IT ONLY GOT ME NUMBER TWO.
I DON'T NEED SOMETHING THAT'S NOT PERFECT.
PERFECT?
EXACTLY.

I HAVE TO BE FLAWLESS
.. BUT EVER SINCE I MET YOU, I'VE BEEN ALL MESSED UP.
IF I CAN'T BE PERFECT...
...THEN I DON'T NEED FRIENDS.

じわ
(SIWA TEAR)
I...!

SHIRAMINE-SAN...

IF ONLY YOU WEREN'T HERE.

EVEN YOU SAY STUFF LIKE THAT, HUH?

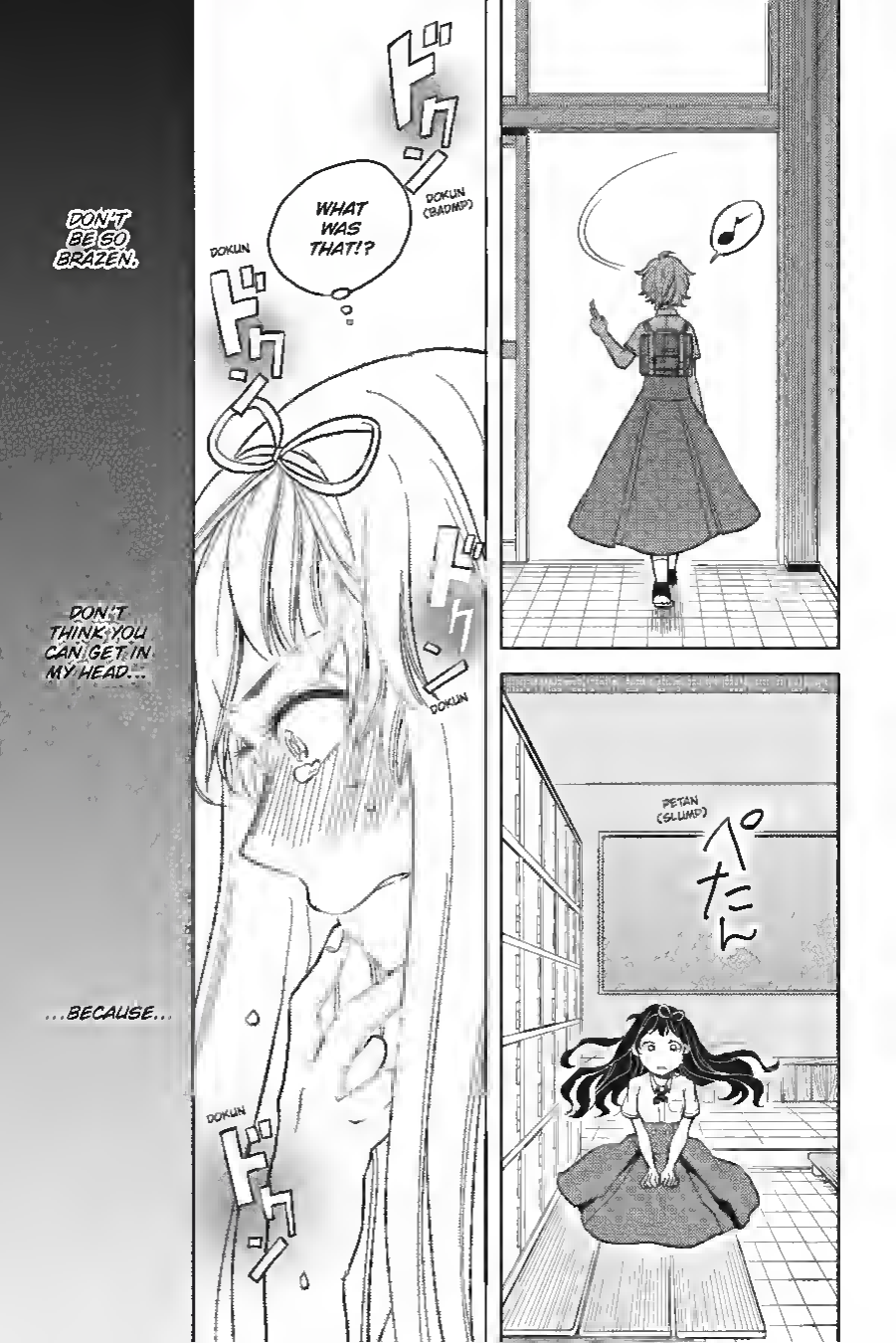
I GUESS IT'S MY FAULT FOR GETTING MY HOPES UP.
KUSHA (CRUMPLE)
SORRY, BUT I DON'T ACTUALLY PLAN ON LOSING.
I MEAN, I'M A...
... "GENIUS" ...
DON (POUND)
... APPAR-ENTLY.
DON'T SOUND SO FULL OF YOURSELF.

ZUKA (STOMP)
ZUKA
すたすた
WELL, YOU JUST WAIT!
ZUKA
ZUKA
すたすた
ZUI (SHOVE)
スイ
YOU MAY BE A GENIUS OR WHATEVER...
...BUT HOW WOULD YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME WHEN THE ONLY THING YOU DO IS SLEEP!?
I'LL MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND...
...THAT YOU'RE JUST A REGULAR PERSON WITH JUST A FEW TRICKS UP YOUR SLEEVE!!

KATAN (PRESS)
I APOLO-GIZE...
WILL YOU SAY IT MORE?
KASHA (TAP)
UH.
GUI (GRAB)
SAY THAT AGAIN?
HUH?
I JUST GOT SO MAD...
I LOST MYSELF...
UM... ARE YOU ANGRY?

KAAA (BLUSH)
WHA—
MM!
BY KUKEW
CHU (KISS)

DON (SHOVE)
WHAT ARE—
I LIKE YOU MORE AND MORE, SHIRAMINE-SAN.
IT'S A PROMISE.
YOU'LL DEFINITELY ...
...BEAT ME, WON'T YOU?
NIKO (GRIN)


DON'T BE SO BRAZEN.
DON'T THINK YOU CAN GET IN MY HEAD...
...BECAUSE...
WHAT WAS THAT!?
DOKUN (BADMP)
DOKUN
DOKUN
DOKUN
DOKUN
PETAN (SLUMP)

EVEN SO, I COULDN'T STOP THINKING OF HER...
...I TOTALLY HATE YOU, KUROSAWA-SAN.
...AND IT WAS LIKE TORTURE.
THAT WAS MY FIRST KISS...!

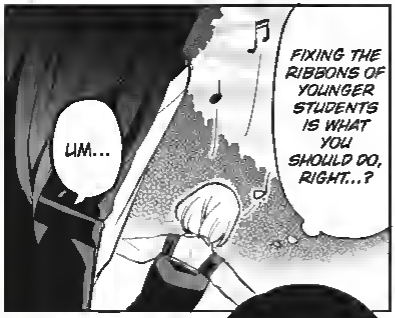
Right Person for the Job

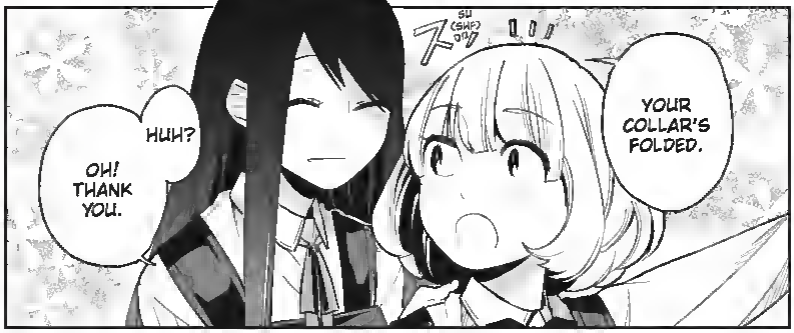
KANAKO

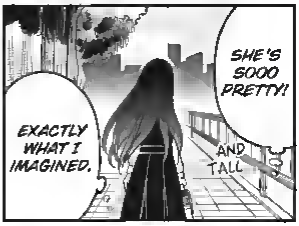
FIRST-YEAR, CLASS B
SHORT, DREAMY-EYED GIRL

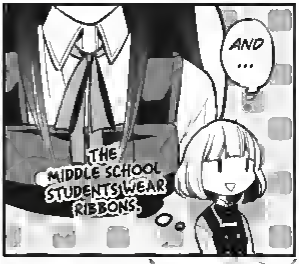
NAGI

MIDDLE SCHOOL THIRD-YEAR, CLASS 1
TALL, ORTHODOX BEAUTY









PEOPLE OTHER THAN THE MAIN CHARACTERS HAVE STORIES TOO HERE. WE PRESENT THE "LITTLE LOVE" STORIES HAPPENING BEHIND THE SCENES.

* Ayaka Shiramine *

Ayaka Shiramine

A first-year honor student in the Seiran Academy High School. She works hard, gets excellent grades, and is quite sociable. She's lived her life proud of that image of herself, so she is baffled by her sudden rival, Yurine Kurosawa. Born a sore loser, she doesn't really mind hard work, but she's quite meddlesome. An only child.

AYAKA SHIRAMINE SIXTEEN YEARS OLD...
A GIRL IN MY CLASS...
...KISSED ME.
MIIN (KISS)
KAAAA (BLUSH)
'MORNING!
...I DON'T WANT TO GO TO CLASS.
I WILL THOUGH.
SO, THEN...
UGH...

Chapter 2:
The Monster of Lonely Island

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FACE HER.
I REALLY WENT OFF ON HER TOO.
AND I THOUGHT...
...I TOTALLY HATED KUROSAWA-SAN.
OH!
'MORNING, SHIRAMINE-SAN!
BIKU (JUMP)
M—
'MORNING
NIKO
NIKO (GRIN)
MIIN (SKREE)
...YOU'RE IN QUITE A GOOD MOOD...
YEAH!

I GET TO SEE YOU FIRST THING IN THE MORNING, SHIRAMINE-SAN...
...SO I FEEL PRETTY GOOO!
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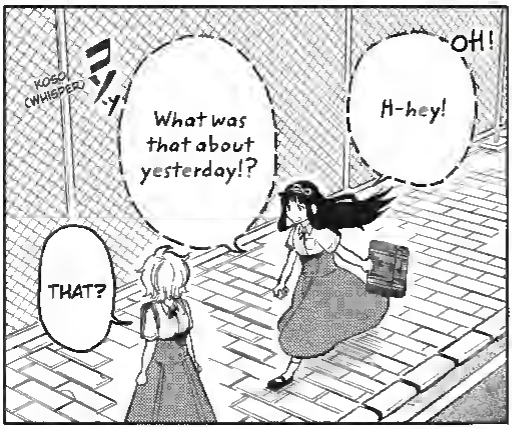
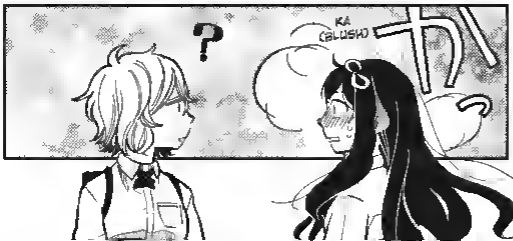
!? HUH!?


KOSO (WHISPER)
What was that about yesterday!?
OH!
H-hey!
THAT?

SHE DOESN'T HAVE A CLUEEE!
FEELS BAD
WANA (TREMBLE)
WANA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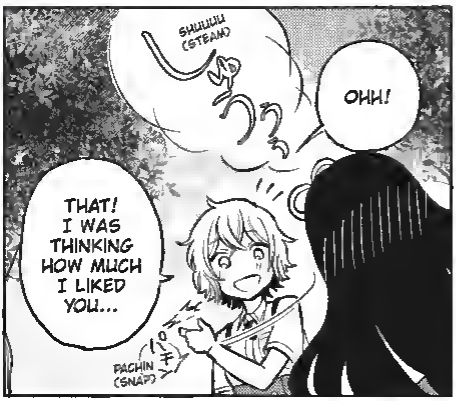
KA (BLUSH)


SHUUUU (STEAM)
OHH!
THAT! I WAS THINKING HOW MUCH I LIKED YOU...
PACHIN (SNAP)

MONYO (MUMBLE)
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MONYO
もにょ
I-I mean, the...
...th-the kiss...
YOU KISSED ME

WHAT'S THIS "JUST"!? PEOPLE DON'T JUST DO THAT! I MEAN, I DON'T EVEN CARE, BUT I CAN'T ACCEPT A LIE! YOU DON'T JUST GET TO TAKE A PERSON'S FIRST KISS SO LIGHTLY LIKE
I COULDN'T EVEN SLEEP LAST NIG
LIKE AN IDIOT!
I GOT SO EXCITED.

...SO I JUST DID IT.
YOU JUST DID IT?
PIYA (WHOO)

AL-THOUGH...

I THOUGHT, IF I WAS GOING TO LOSE FOR THE FIRST TIME, IT'D BE NICE IF IT WAS TO YOU, SHIRAMINE-SAN.

DOKI (BADMP)
...I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ANYTIME SOON.
MUKA (GRR)
WHAAAT!?
WHAT?
SHE'S TRYING TO GET ON MY NERVES, RIGHT!?
MIN (KREE)
MIN
MIN
WELL, I'LL SHOW HER! I'LL BLOW HER AWAY!!
MU!!

FIRST PERIOD GYM CLASS
GAKON (THUNK)
PIPI (TWEET)
ZEEE (WHEEZE)
HOW MANY POINTS DID YOU GET?
FIF-TEEN ...
NUGI (TUG)
ZUSHI (WHAM)
HMMM
HALF OF WHAT I GOT, HUH...?
OH WELL. WHAT CHALLENGE IS NEXT?
LET'S PLAY!
LET'S PLAY!!

GAYA (CHATTER)
ガヤ
GAYA
IT LOOKS LIKE YOUKO TWISTED HER ANKLE.
COULD YOU TAKE HER SPOT?
GAYA

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PIKI (SNAP)

WANA (TREMBLE)
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WANA
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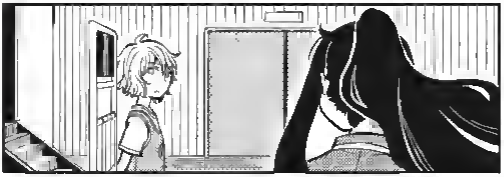
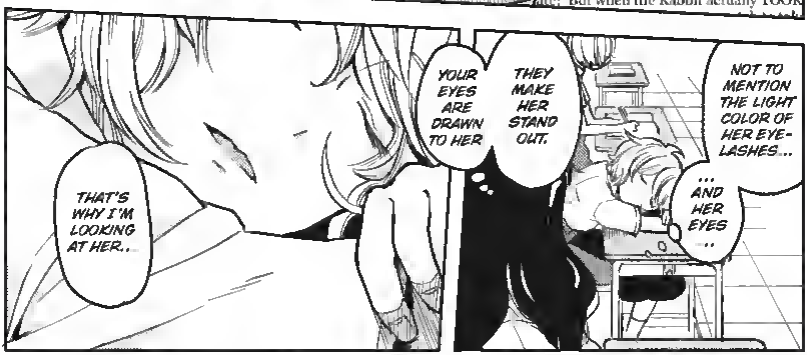
SHIRA-MINE-SAAAN!
THIS ISN'T A GAME FOR ME!!

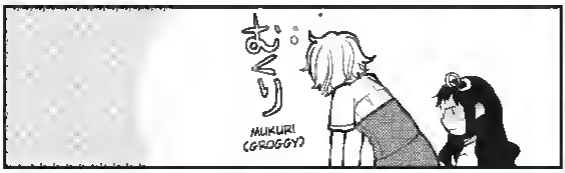


SURE ...
ARE YOU OKAY?
SHOULD WE GO TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE?

HUH?
WOULD YOU TAKE HER, KUROSAWA-SAN?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN ASK.
THE HONOR STUDENT
.....
OKAY.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE THE ONE HERE, SHIRAMINE-SAN.
YOUKO MIGHT BE ON THE BASKETBALL TEAM...
...BUT IF KUROSAWA-SAN REPLACED HER, THEN THE OTHER TEAM WOULD NEED TO REARRANGE THEMSELVES TOO, SO...
ガーン
GAGAAN (CRASH!)
REALLY!?
WALL OF DIFFERENCE IN BATTLE POWER

SIXTH PERIOD ENGLISH
KURO-SAWA-SAN'S TALL.
SHE'S OBVIOUSLY GOT AN ADVANTAGE IN BASKET-BALL...
...HER HEIGHT.


THEY MAKE HER STAND OUT.
YOUR EYES ARE DRAWN TO HER
THAT'S WHY I'M LOOKING AT HER..
NOT TO MENTION THE LIGHT COLOR OF HER EYE-LASHES...
...AND HER EYES..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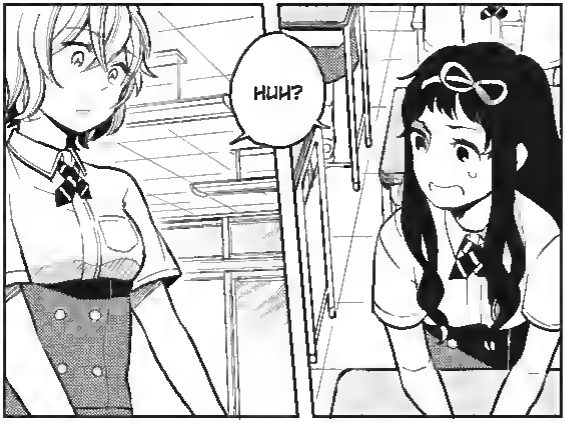
MUKUR! (GROGGY)


HUH?

...SO NOT!!
OKAY, NEXT ...
KURO-SAWA-SAN, PLEASE READ.
I'M NOT LOOKING! I'M TOTALLY NOT!
KAAAA (BLUSH)

Japanese Classical Literature
THAT'S OUR CLASSICAL LIT TEXTBOOK!
ONLY THE SIZE IS THE SAME, NOTHING ELSE!
SO SHE'S THAT OBLIVIOUS, HUH...?
STUNNED
BOOK CLASSICAL LITERATURE
Um. Here. My textbook...
Kurosawa-san ...?
HISO (WHISPER)
NAH.
I'M OKAY.
SOB (WHISPER)

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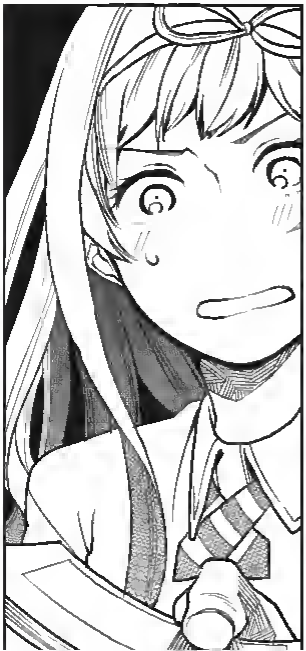
SURA (SMOOTHLY)



しん…
SHIN (SILENCE)

OH…
HOW FAR AM I SUPPOSED TO GO?

F-FORGET THAT YOU...
...YOU MEMORIZED THE TEXTBOOK?

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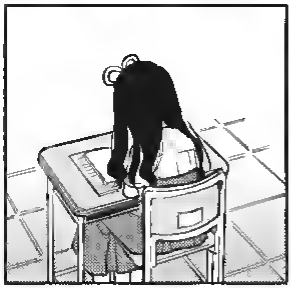
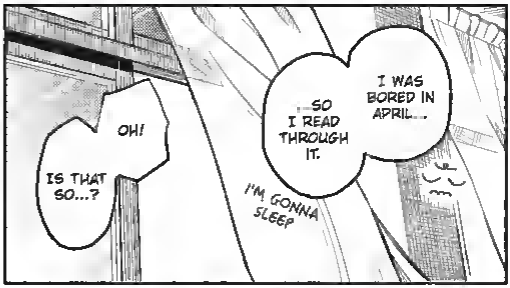
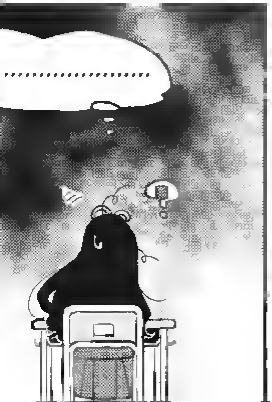
(CHATTER)
THANKS, SHIRAMINE-SAN.
...
YOU MUST BE USED TO PEOPLE COUNTING ON YOU.

MORE OR LESS.




I WAS BORED IN APRIL...
...SO I READ THROUGH IT.
I'M GONNA SLEEP
OH!
IS THAT SO...?


.....

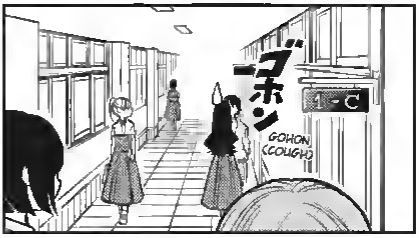
...of a book, thought Alice
...ion, suddenly a White Rabbit with
...ll be late!" But when the Rabbit acti
...th either a waistcoat-pocket or a wa
...s beginning to get very tired of sitti
...t is the use of a book, thought Alice

PATAMU (SIGH)
Eng

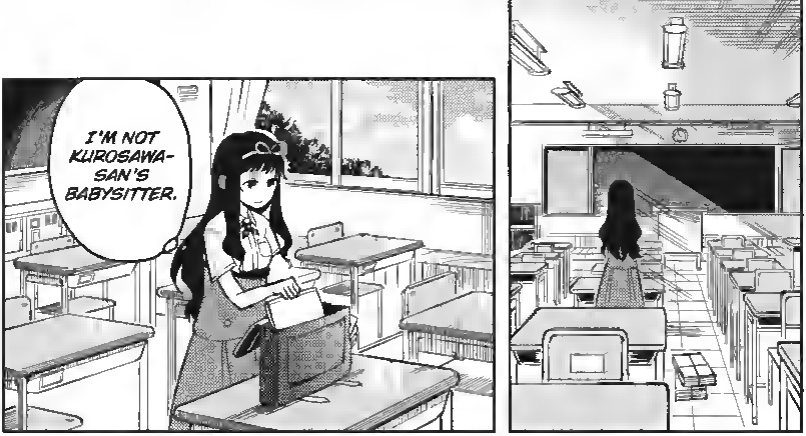
I PREP FOR LESSONS...
...BUT THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO THAT AFTER ONLY READING IT ONCE!
WHAT IS EVEN HAPPENING?
AUGH...
AWAKE OR ASLEEP, IT DOESN'T MATTER. IT'S ALL KUROSAWA-SAN.
I'M AN IDIOT...
I MEAN...
...SHE HAS SO MANY OF THE WONDERFUL QUALITIES I WANT FOR MYSELF.

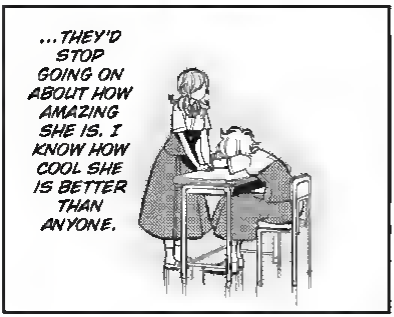
KON
KAN (CLANG)
KON (BONG)
KIN (BING)
SEE YOU!
YE-YE!
AFTER SCHOOL
I'M LOATH TO ADMIT IT, BUT I CANNOT BEAT KUROSAWA-SAN IN TERMS OF BASIC ABILITIES.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S STILL EARLY...
WHAT'S UP? MIDNIGHT MOVE?
どっさり。
DOSSARI (HEAVY)
ONE, STUDY! TWO, STUDY!!
I JUST HAVE TO DO IT!
THOSE MUST ALL BE REFERENCE BOOKS, HUH...?
オオオ
GOOOOOT (RUMBLE)
MY ONLY CHOICE IS TO DO IT WITH OLD-FASHIONED HARD WORK!!
BOOK: MATH A
...I CAN'T LAZE AROUND. I HAVE TO BE THE ONE TO BEAT HER!!
KUSU (GIGGLE)
KUROSAWA-SAN'S AMAZING— DAZZLING, EVEN...
...BUT...

JACKET, TRACK TEAM



I'VE TOLD MOE, YOU KNOW?
LIKE, TO JUST GIVE IT UP.
OH YEAH... DO YOU KNOW WHERE KUROSAWA-SAN IS?
IT'S MIZUKI-SENPAI
PERSISTENT, ISN'T SHE? YOUR MANAGER...
BUT SHE JUST WON'T LET IT GO...
ALTHOUGH, I DON'T THINK THAT KUROSAWA-SAN JOINING THE TEAM...
...WOULD NECESSARILY BE A GOOD THING.
WELL
WHAT-EVER.
IF YOU SEE MOE, STOP HER FOR ME.
AND TELL HER TO COME TO PRACTICE
清蘭学園


I'M NOT KUROSAWA-SAN'S BABYSITTER.


...THEY'D STOP GOING ON ABOUT HOW AMAZING SHE IS. I KNOW HOW COOL SHE IS BETTER THAN ANYONE.

IT'S KUROSAWA-SAN THIS AND KUROSAWA-SAN THAT. I WISH...
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GON (KONK)
...SO WHY DOESN'T SHE WANT TO DO ANY OF IT?
SHE CAN DO EVERY-THING...

!?
KURO-SAWA-SAN...
KARARA (SLIDE)
...WHAT ARE YOU—
AHH!
GUI- (YANK)

OW!
OOSA
(THUD)
!!!???
OW, OW, OW!

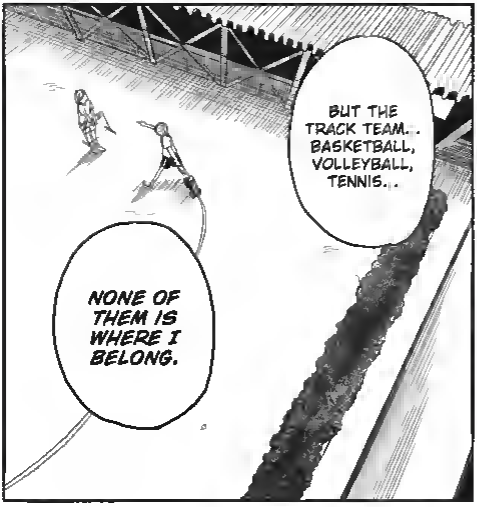
I DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL THEY GIVE UP BEFORE I HEAD HOME.
THE TRACK TEAM'S LOOKING FOR ME.

I HEARD YOU SHARE A DORM ROOM WITH THAT TRACK GIRL.

WH—
WHAT ARE YOU—
QUIET!

I DON'T WANT HER TO FIND OUT WHERE I AM, SO STAY HERE WITH ME.
F-FINE!
YOU'RE TOO CLOSE!!
JUST GET OFF ME!
HEY, YOU SHOULD TELL HER TOO.
ONE MORE LAP!!
TELL HER I DON'T WANT TO JOIN THE TRACK TEAM.
...WHY?
YOU CAN DO EVERYTHING...
...THAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO.
GASP!

I THOUGHT MAYBE...
...I'D FIND MORE THINGS I LIKE.
..SO I WENT AROUND TO ALL THE DIFFERENT TEAMS


BUT THE TRACK TEAM.. BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, TENNIS..
NONE OF THEM IS WHERE I BELONG.

A-AL-THOUGH ...
...YOUR DOING NOTHING WOULD BE BETTER FOR ME ANYWAY!!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I NEED, SHIRAMINE-SAN.

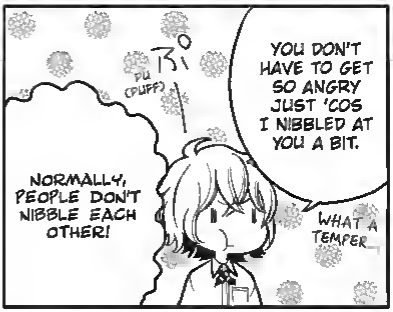
I'M FINE AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE, SHIRAMINE-SAN.
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING ELSE...
I'M... JEALOUS OF YOU.
EVERY-ONE COUNTS ON YOU.
BOSO (WHISPER)
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE NUMBER TWO
HEY!
YOU'RE SERIOUSLY MISTAKEN IF YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT AND GET AWAY WITH IT!!
THAT'S WHY, OKAY?

THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO BE LIKE YOU, SHIRAMINE-SAN...
...OR NOT.
EHH
GIGGLE

O—
GABU (CHOMP)
PIKU (JERK)
MM!
PERO (LICK)
ZOWA (SHUDDER)
OW!
YOU BIT ME!?
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN THINKING!?
BASHI
BASHI (WHAP)
OW, OW!
H—
HEY!!
CHU (KISS)
SORRY.

せ"
ZEEE (WHEEZE)
STOP IT!
ガ
GA (GRAB)
はー
HAAA (PANT)
OKAY.
TASTES LIKE SWEAT.

NOR-MALLY ...
"NORMALLY," HUH?


YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET SO ANGRY JUST 'COS I NIBBLED AT YOU A BIT.
PU (PUFF)
NORMALLY, PEOPLE DON'T NIBBLE EACH OTHER!
WHAT A TEMPER

GASP!
IN THE END, KUROSAWA-SAN JUST DOES WHATEVER SHE WANTS!!

I WISH YOU'D UNDER-STAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO DEAL WITH SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
HONESTLY ...

DOKIN (PAUSE)
ドキ
I CAN'T JUST LET HER GET AWAY WITH THAT, CAN I!?
DOKIN
ドキン
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE, AYAKA!
DOKIN
ドキン
GU (PULL)
BAKU (THUD)
BAKU
I'LL SHOW HER WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE ON THE RECEIVING END.
BAKU

HUH!?
CHU (KISS)
SO YOU ARE HERE, KURO—
AH!
TA (TAK)
GARA (SLIDE)

YORO (STAGGER)
UM...
MIZUKI, THIS...
DA (DASH)
I DIDN'T SEE ANY-THING!!
SORRYYY!
HEY! MIZUKI!!
PSHA (FWOOSH)

KISHA (CRRR)
NO! I WILL NOT!
I WANT TO KISS!
AREN'T YOU GONNA KEEP GOING?
I WANT TO KISS YOU, SHIRA-MINE-SAN. KISS!

EVERY-THING'S BEEN MESSED UP SINCE YOU CAME...
MUNI (MASH)
MUNI

GYUMU (SQUEEZE)

OH NOOO... SHE TOTALLY GOT THE WRONG IDEA.
I WAS TOO RASH.
TCH!

HAA (SIGH)
?

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME...?
I'M ALL BOTHERED, AND I KEEP DOING ALL THESE POINTLESS THINGS.

THE GLORY OF MY HIGH SCHOOL DAYS...
...ARE THEY GOING TO END WITH THIS GIRL TWISTING ME AROUND HER FINGER?
I HAVE TO EXPLAIN TO MIZUKI...

KISS THEATER: WHAT'S BEHIND THE STORY!?

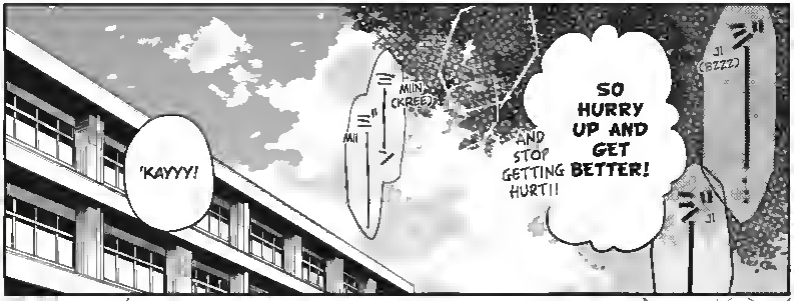
Break Time

YOUKO

FIRST-YEAR, CLASS C
BASKETBALL TEAM
GENTLE AND MILD

RISA

HER FRECKLES ARE HER BIG APPEAL!



PEOPLE OTHER THAN THE MAIN CHARACTERS HAVE STORIES TOO. HERE WE PRESENT THE "LITTLE LOVE" STORIES HAPPENING BEHIND THE SCENES!

* Yurine Kurosawa *

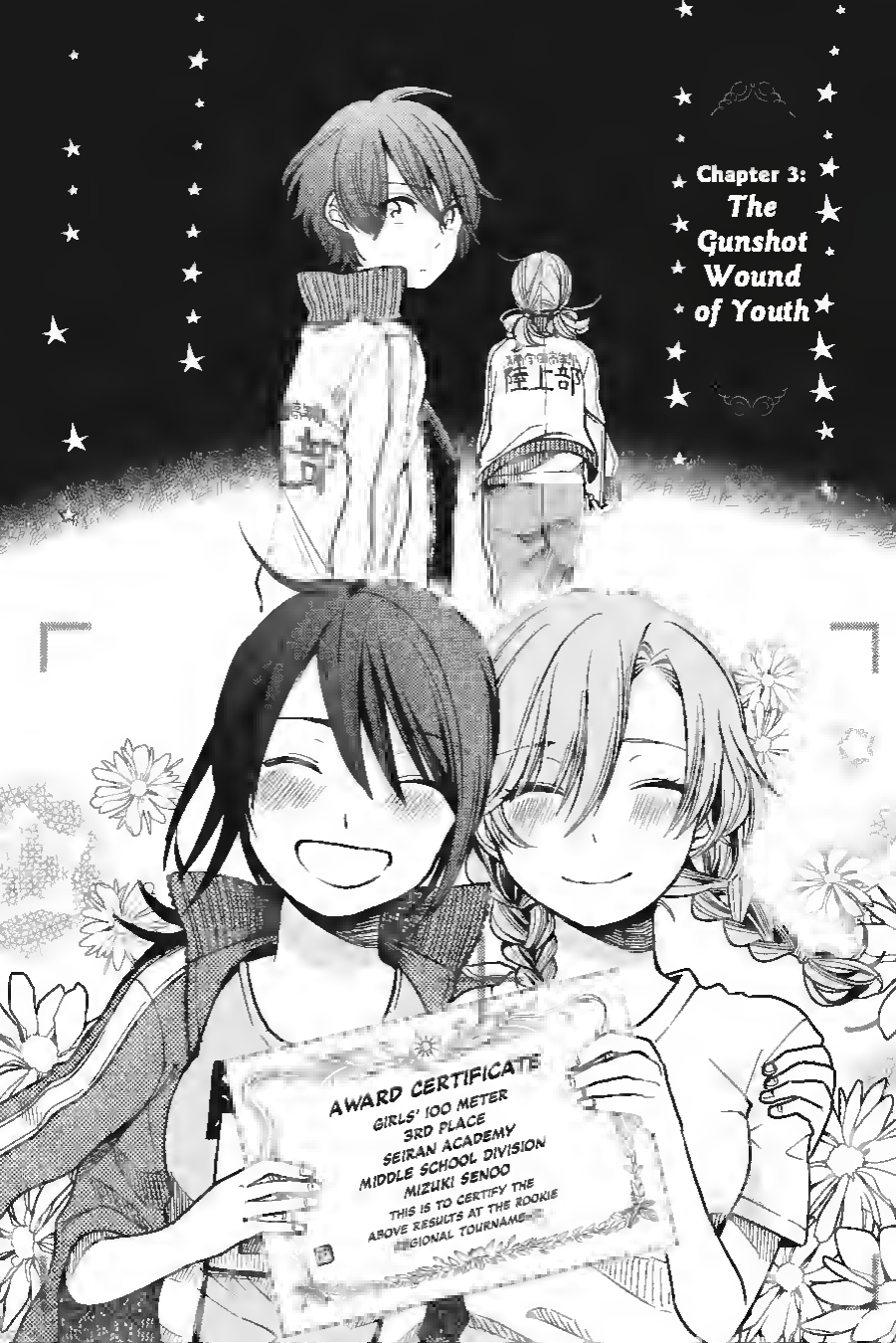
Yurine Kurosawa

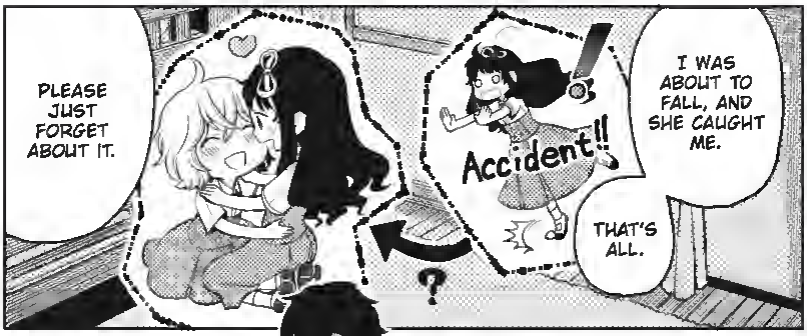
First-year student in the Seiran Academy High School. A so-called genius, she gets top grades with shockingly little effort compared to others. People have a tendency to keep their distance, and Kurosawa herself tends to reject people. She feigns sleep, but she actually does sleep a lot. The reason she chose Seiran for high school is because it's close to her house. She has a little sister, Sumire.

FOUR YEARS EARLIER
WHY I'M MANAGER AND NOT A RUNNER?
TRACK TEAM MANAGER
MOE NIKAIDOU
WOW...
THOUGH, I DID STILL WANT TO HELP OUT ON THE TEAM AT LEAST.
THAT WAS THE IDEA
TRACK TEAM MEMBER
MIZUKI SENOO
I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A RUNNER...
...BUT MY DOCTOR SAID I SHOULDN'T DO STRENUOUS EXERCISE.
WHEN YOU RUN, SENOO-SAN, YOUR START IS GOOD, BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS EXHAUSTED AT THE END.
WHEN I WATCH, I ALWAYS THINK IT'S SUCH A SHAME.
HUH?
OH!
RIGHT...
SORRY
KUSU (GIGGLE)

I THINK I WATCH YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
EVEN FROM FAR AWAY, I CAN TELL IT'S YOU.
DO (BADMP?)
UM!
GYU (SQUEEZE)
DO

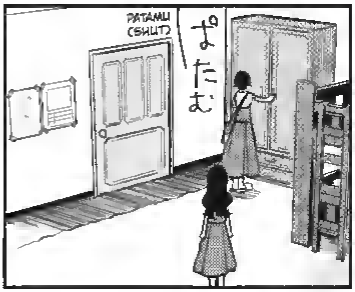
I'LL RUN IN YOUR PLACE, NIKAIDOU-SAN!
WHAT?
I WANTED A REASON TO RUN.
I'LL RUN JUST FOR YOU...
...SO...
.. BE THERE AND WATCH ME.

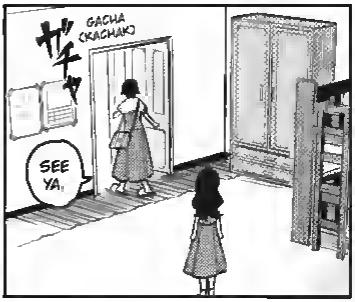

Chapter 3:
The Gunshot Wound of Youth
陸上部
AWARD CERTIFICATE
GIRLS' 100 METER
3RD PLACE
SEIRAN ACADEMY
MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION
MIZUKI SENOO
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THE
ABOVE RESULTS AT THE ROOKIE


PLEASE JUST FORGET ABOUT IT.
Accident!!
I WAS ABOUT TO FALL, AND SHE CAUGHT ME.
THAT'S ALL.
?

...NOW AND THEN.
WELL... THAT KIND OF THING DOES HAPPEN...
.....

I'M GOING TO BE LATE FOR MORNING PRACTICE. QUIT IT.
I'LL TELL YOU A MILLION TIMES IF I HAVE TO!!
DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME!?
UGA (ROAR)


PATAMU (SHUT)

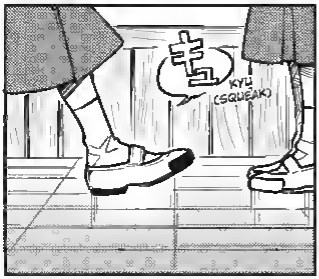

GACHA (KACHAK)
SEE YA.

UGHHH..
AYAKA-CHAN AND I ARE COUSINS.
PATAN (SLAM)
WE'VE EVEN SHARED THE SAME ROOM SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL. SO IF...
SIGN: MIZUKI, AYAKA
...WHAT HAPPENED SHOOK HER UP...
...I THINK IT'S GOOD FOR HER...
KUROSAWA-SAN...
...BUT...

ZUI
CLEAN!
ず
KUROSAWA-SAN...
...PLEASE COME BACK TO THE TRACK TEAM!
POINTLESS
不毛…
NO WAY...
KON (KONK)
コン
One more try!
I DUNNO
Let's just give up already, Moe!

YOU AND SHIRAMINE-SAN ARE RELATED, RIGHT?

KUROSAWA-SAN, HUH...?
OH, SENPAI, THAT REMINDS ME.


KYU (SQUEAK)

KOKU
KOKU (NOD)
AND YOU SHARE A ROOM TOO?
Y-YEAH.

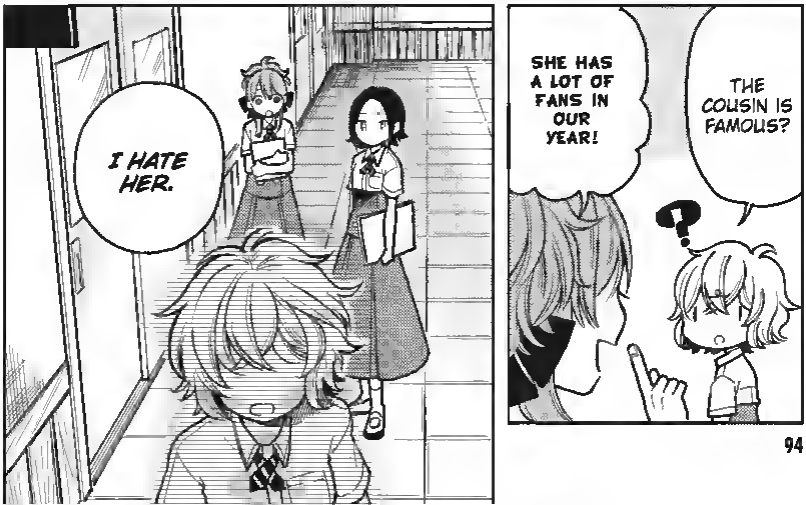
SO, SENPAI... WHAT DO YOU THINK OF...
...ME...?

(SHE STAGGERED)
?
JI (STARE)
ENNNGH.
C'MON, MIZUKI, ANSWER HER.
I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD FORCE YOU...
...AND IF YOU'RE THAT TALENTED...
NOT JUST RUNNING, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU CAN DO ANYTHING...
...I'M SURE YOU HAVE YOUR OWN THINGS GOING ON TOO, KUROSAWA-SAN.
WHAT I THINK OF YOU...?

WILL YOU FACE ME JUST ONCE, SENPAI?
THIS HAS GOTTEN ANNOYING.
FACE...
YOU?
YOU'RE NOT LIKE SHIRAMINE-SAN AT ALL, HUH?
YOU DECIDE THE EVENT.
IF I LOSE, I'LL JOIN THE TRACK TEAM, BUT...
HEY!
..IF I WIN, PLEASE GIVE UP.
UM.
WAI—
GOT IT.
PON (PAT)
ポン

GURIN (SHOVE)
WAIT A MINUTE!!
SHE ACCEPTS.
MIZUKI WILL DO IT!
BAN (WHAM)
SORRY FOR HOLDING YOU UP.
SEE YOU.
HYOKO (POP)
I...
I STILL HAVEN'T
MIZUKI, JUST BE QUIET.
UM!
WE HAVE MUSIC NEXT, SOOO...
OH!

THEY'RE SO CLOSE!
THOSE TWO ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER, HUH?
THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF THE TRACK TEAM!
THEY'RE SO DREAMY!
THEY ALMOST MADE IT IN THE REGIONAL FINALS.
SENOO-SENPAI'S SO COOL, AND THE MANAGER IS BEAUTIFUL TOO.


I HATE HER.
SHE HAS A LOT OF FANS IN OUR YEAR!
THE COUSIN IS FAMOUS?
?

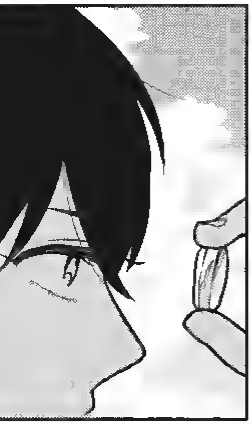
THERE'S ONLY SHIRAMINE-SAN.
JUST SHIRAMINE-SAN...
2 — A
NO!
WAY!
NO WAY!
GA (WHAM)
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN WIN!
WHAT WAS THAT "GOT IT" ABOUT!?
M-Y...

SHE JOINED THE TRACK TEAM FOR JUST THREE DAYS.
I HEARD SHE TRIED OUT ALL THE TEAMS BUT DIDN'T FIND A PLACE SHE LIKED IN THE END.
THE JAPANESE PERSON WHO CAN SAY
NO
SHE HAS SO MUCH TALENT. IT'S SUCH A WASTE.
SHE SHOWED US THAT SKILL AND THEN QUIT RIGHT AWAY.
SHE COULD PROBABLY BEAT TWELVE SECONDS IN THE HUNDRED METER.
IF SHE REALLY TRIED
WE'D MAKE IT TO NATIONALS..
AFTER BEING REJECTED SO MANY TIMES, OUR CHANCE HAS FINALLY COME.
WE HAVE TO GRAB IT.
BESIDES, SOMEONE HAS SO MANY FANS IN THE FIRST-YEAR CLASSROOM THAT IT'S A HASSLE TO GO...
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO GO IN THERE
KYA! (SQUEE)
MY APOLOGIES ...
KYAA (SQUEE)
KYAA
BUT... I DUNNO.
SAY I DID WIN.
HYPO-THETICALLY, OKAY?
WHETHER OR NOT KUROSAWA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ACTUALLY TRYING IS A DIFFERENT STORY. AND, ANYWAY—
MIZUKI.

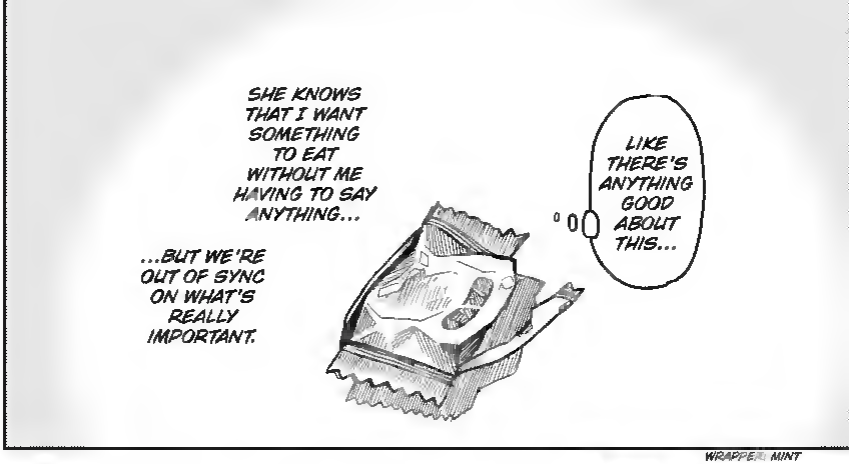
OR...IS THERE A PROBLEM WITH HER JOINING?

KUROSAWA-SAN IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO OUR TEAM.

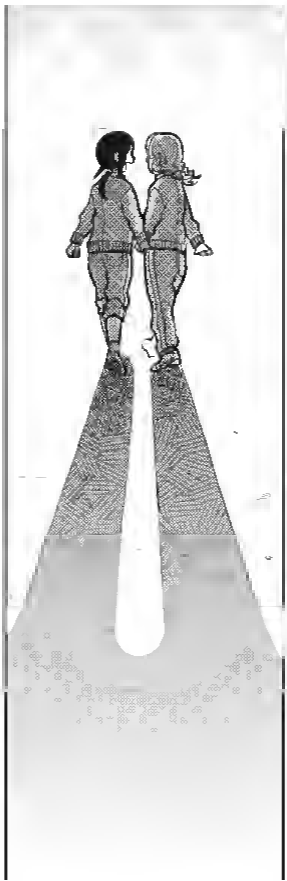
THEN YOU'LL STILL RUN FOR ME, RIGHT?
GASA (CRINKLE)
NOT REALLY...
.....
GOSO (RUSTLE)



BIRI (SKRK)
THIS WILL DEFINITELY BE A GOOD THING FOR YOU, MIZUKI.


SHE KNOWS THAT I WANT SOMETHING TO EAT WITHOUT ME HAVING TO SAY ANYTHING...
...BUT WE'RE OUT OF SYNC ON WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.
LIKE THERE'S ANYTHING GOOD ABOUT THIS...

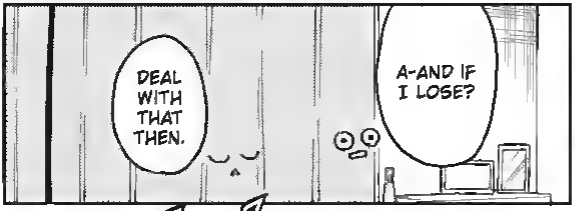
WRAPPED: MINT

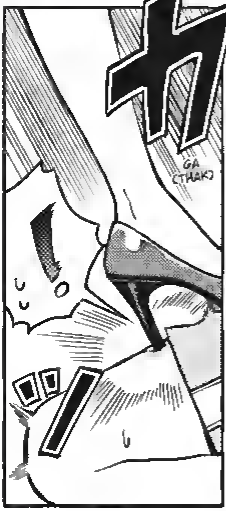


I THINK ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME...
...BUT NOW, YOU NEED KUROSAWA-SAN?
WHY?
DON (BANG)
THAT'S A ROUND-ABOUT WAY OF BREAKING UP, HUH?
...NOT TRUE IS WHAT I WANT TO SAY, BUT IT'S A FACT THAT KUROSAWA-SAN ANNIHILATED ME. AND I CAN'T IMAGINE I'LL LEAP PAST HER IN JUST THIS SHORT TIME. SO IS THIS ACTUALLY THE END?
THAT'S ...
IT'S STU-PID.
SO SHE'S NOT SATISFIED WITH THE REGIONALS LEVEL ANYMORE, THEN?
GATA (SHUTTER)
!?

STOP GRUMBLING AND WIN. SHOW YOUR PRINCESS...
...HOW ESSENTIAL YOU REALLY ARE.

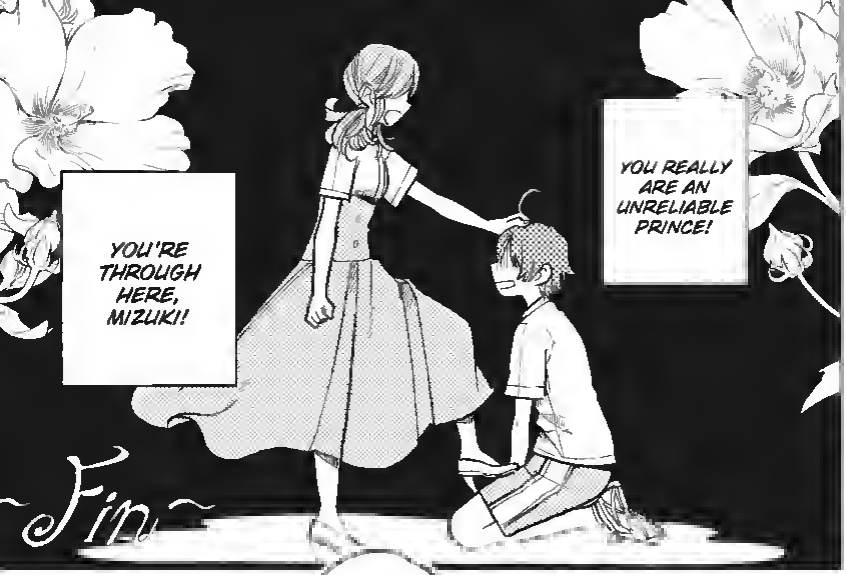
YOU SHOULD JUST WIN.


A-AND IF I LOSE?
DEAL WITH THAT THEN.


GA (THUD)

MOE...
...I'M SORRY. I—

TURNS OUT KUROSAWA-SAN ISN'T THE FASTEST HUMAN ALIVE EITHER.
I'LL GO LOOK FOR THE NEXT ONE.


YOU'RE THROUGH HERE, MIZUKI!
YOU REALLY ARE AN UNRELIABLE PRINCE!
~Fin~

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GAIN ANYTHING...
...BY LOSING.
I CAN'T HAVE YOU TAKING THAT.
OH! BUT I'M GOING TO BEAT KUROSAWA-SAN FIRST.
GIVE ME A BREAK (U_U)!!
AND WHY HIGH HEELS!?
YOU'RE BEING A BIT DRAMATIC...
GLOOOOM

FOURTEEN THIRTY-FOUR.
RESET
START
PI (BEEP)
ガチャ
GACHA (CHAK)
WAS THE HUNDRED METER REALLY THE BEST IDEA...?
BUT LONG-DISTANCE WOULD BE EVEN WORSE.
SA SHU
TH—
THIS IS TOTALLY NO GOOD.
NO CON-FIDENCE?
THE RACE IS TOMORROW, YOU KNOW?
I-I DUNNO...
SHIRT: TRACK TEAM
HOW'RE YOU DOING?
WE HAVE TO PUT STUFF AWAY SOON.
SA
...SO—
RIGHT.
YOU HAVE TO DO IT, MIZUKI.
UM...I'M GOING TO GIVE IT EVERYTHING I HAVE...
陸上部

GU
CLENCH
I WANT THAT GIRL.
KUROSAWA-SAN...
KUROSAWA-SAN, KUROSAWA-SAN...
LIAR.
...ON YOUR MARKS ...
SET!

THOUGHT SO.
TA (CRASH)
PI (PWEET)
GUN (PWWM)
IT'S NO GOOD.
LIAR.

I LIKE RUNNING, BUT...
...IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO BE NUMBER ONE...
...OR BECOME A PRO OR ANYTHING.
I JUST...
I KNEW I WAS THE ONLY ONE STILL FOCUSED ON THAT PROMISE.
(BADM!)
I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO CONFIRM IT.
THAT'S ALL
I...

WHY DID YOU COME TO THE TRACK TEAM?
AS LONG AS MOE WAS WATCHING, EVERYTHING WAS GREAT.
WHY ARE YOU GETTING IN THE WAY?
.....
I GET THAT A LOT...
PAN (BANG)
...BUT I AM WHO I AM, COUSIN.

IROSAWA 12'9
TWELVE NINETY-ONE.
I WIN.
...THAT MEANS I'M DONE.
KURU (FWIP)
I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO MOE.

...I STILL WANTED TO BE SOMEONE SPECIAL TO MOE.
I LOST MY REASON FOR RUNNING.
I'M NOT A NATURAL OR PERFECT.
I CAN'T GRANT MY FRIEND'S ONLY WISH.
AND YET...
MOE...
...I'M SO—
THIRTEEN SIXTY.

2
...WHO'S TIME IS THAT?
MINE?
BUT LATELY, I HAVEN'T BEEN NEAR...
MIZUKI SENOO
MAY 16
MOE NIKAIDOU
NOTEBOOK
NO.12
LATELY ...
OH!

ぱしっ
PASHI (GRAB)
KURO-SAWA-SAN!
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BA (WHIRL)
LET'S RUN ONE MORE TIME!

I GUESS SO...
必死
DESPERATE
W—
WE DIDN'T SAY IT WAS A ONETIME CONTEST, RIGHT!?

(TWEET)
HUFF!
HUFF!
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE DO IT, IT'S GOING TO BE THE SAME THING.
HUFF!
TWELVE EIGHTY-EIGHT!
STOP TRYING TO GET ME TO JOIN THE TEAM.
HUFF!
YOU PROMISED.
HUFF!
WHAT?
REALLY!?
THAT'S THE BEST TIME YOU'VE DONE LATELY, RIGHT?

...YOU GET SWEPT UP WITH THEIR PACE AND RUN FASTER TOO, HUH?
陸上部
WHEN YOU RUN WITH SOMEONE FASTER...
.....?
IT'S NOT JUST THAT, BUT... KUROSAWA-SAN...
...IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, I WANT YOU TO JOIN THE TEAM.
I DON'T THINK I COULD ACTUALLY BEAT YOU, BUT...
...I'M NOT LIKE AYAKA-CHAN.

...I'M MAKING YOU MY TARGET!
ZAIU (KRUNCH)
SENOO-SENPAI...
...SO HOW ABOUT IT?
RESET

...MAYBE YOU ARE JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKE SHIRAMINE-SAN.
HA HA...
THANKS.
SIGN: TRACK TEAM
IT'S FOR YOUR SAKE, MIZUKI.
THERE ARE LOTS OF PEOPLE FASTER THAN YOU AND ALL
.....
IT'S LIKE YOU DID SAY IT...
...AND ALSO LIKE YOU DIDN'T.
WRAPPER: MINT
WASA
WASA
WASA
WASA SHAKE
DIDN'T I TELL YOU?
MOEEE!
IF YOU HAD JUST TOLD MEEEE!

I'M SORRY.
I ASSUME YOU KNOW EVERYTHING WITHOUT ME SAYING...
...SO THAT WAS MY MISTAKE.

SU (SHF)
TRY SAYING IT NOW.

DOSA (THUD)

I WILL ALWAYS BE RIGHT BESIDE YOU, WATCHING YOU...
...MY OTHER HALF.
IN A WAY THAT I CAN REALLY UNDER-STAND.
REASSURE ME.

...UNDER-STAND?
ぎゅ
GYU (SQUEEZE)
YEAH.

The Type Who Opens Old Wounds

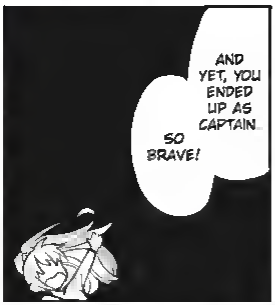
CAPTAIN

MIDDLE SCHOOL THIRD-YEAR AT THE TIME STRAIGHTLACED

VICE CAPTAIN

MIDDLE SCHOOL THIRD-YEAR AT THE TIME SOFT

IT'S NOT ALLOWED FOR ANY OTHER FIRST-YEARS EITHER.
NORMALLY
YOU HAVE A TON OF WORK TO DO!
IT'S INEXCUSABLE THAT YOU WOULD FLIRT WITH THE MANAGER DURING PRACTICE WHILE YOU'RE STILL A FRESHMAN!
HIERARCHICAL SOCIETY



AHHHH!
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SENPAI, PLEASE PRACTICE!
IT'S INEXCUSABLE THAT YOU WOULD FLIRT WITH THE MANAGER DURING PRACTICE WHILE YOU'RE STILL A FRESHMAN!
HAVING FUN

PEOPLE OTHER THAN THE MAIN CHARACTERS HAVE STORIES TOO. HERE, WE PRESENT THE "LITTLE LOVE" STORIES HAPPENING BEHIND THE SCENES.

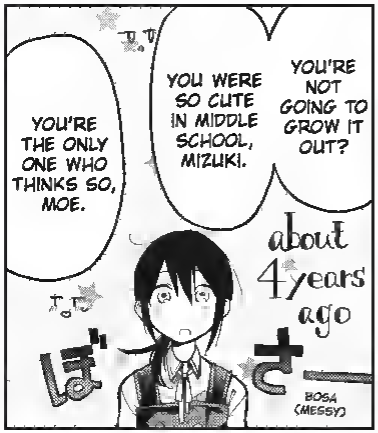
Mizuki Senoo

Mizuki Senoo

Second-year at the Seiran Academy High School. Short-distance runner on the Track team. Because of her boyish appearance and that she is pretty good at track, she has more than a few students who look up to her, but she herself is timid and gets anxious over things she blows out of proportion. She is Ayaka Shiramine's cousin and childhood friend; the two are like sisters.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU NOTICED IT WAS JUST A TRIM.

HUH?
DID YOU CUT YOUR HAIR?


YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO THINKS SO, MOE.
YOU WERE SO CUTE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, MIZUKI.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GROW IT OUT?
about 4 years ago
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BOSA (MESSY)

I WANT TO SEE YOU WITH LONG HAIR AGAIN.
ぽにゃ
PAKON (CHUNK)
HMMM...

I DO...
PATAN (SHUT)
ぱたん
...HAVE A REASON.
REASON?

I WANNA KNOW.
I WANNA KNOW
JIIII (STARE)

I WANNA KNOW
I WANNA KNOW
I WANNA KNOW

COME ON, YOU CAN'T NOT TELL AFTER THAT.
OH...I WAS GOING TO TAKE THAT TO MY GRAVE.
MOGO (MUMBLE)

LATER!
KON
'KAY, SEE YOU!!
KAN (DANG)
SUCHA (CHURRY)
WE GOTTA GO!
OH! THE FIRST BELL!
KIN (BING)
KON (BONG)

IS SHE EMBARRASSED ABOUT SOMETHING THAT MUCH?
KIN
KON

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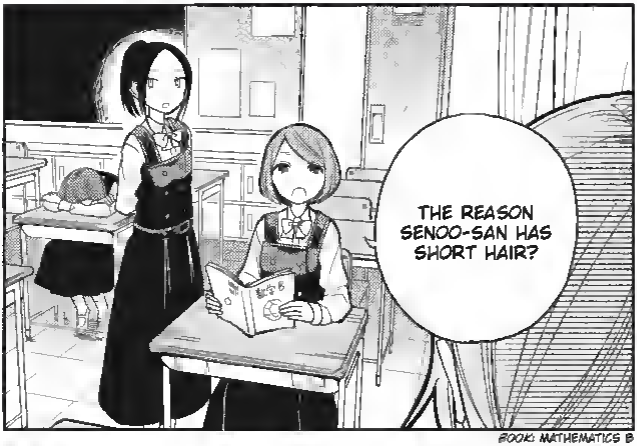
The Secret of My Girl


THE REASON SENOO-SAN HAS SHORT HAIR?
BOOK: MATHEMATICS B

THAT IS TRUE
AH HA HA!
IF YOU DON'T KNOW, NIKAIDOU-SAN, THERE'S NO WAY WE WOULD.

I WANT HER TO KEEP IT SHORT LIKE IT IS NOW.
I GET THAT.

ALTHOUGH, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SENOO-SAN WITH LONG HAIR.

SHE LOOKS SO COOL STANDING NEXT TO NIKAIDOU-SAN.
RIGHT?
"BOYISH."
HMM
.....
GASP!
IT CAN'T BE...
SHE CAN'T ACTUALLY BE PLANNING TO CREATE A HAREM AT A GIRLS' SCHOOL...!?
IF YOU WANT A DATE, RESERVE A MONTH IN ADVANCE, OKAY, MY LITTLE KITTEN?

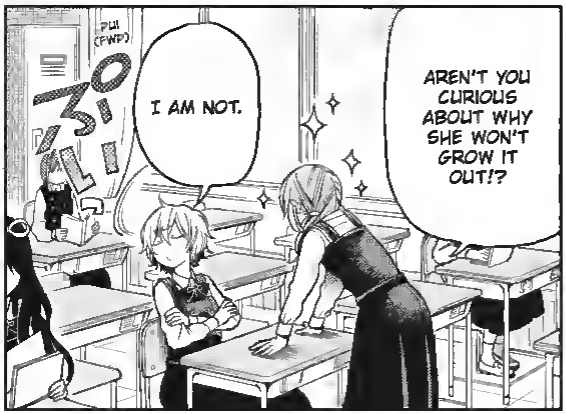
? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?

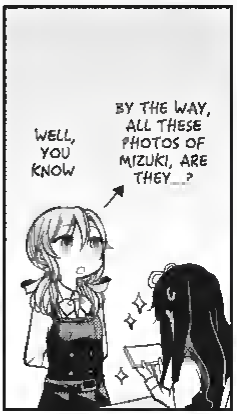
BA (FLAP)
WHEN ARE YOU COMING TO TRACK PRACTICE AGAIN?
I GOT A JACKET READY FOR YOU AND EVERYTHING
...WHEN I FEEL LIKE IT...
I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO DO THAT

JACKET: SEIRAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION TRACK TEAM

MIZUKI'S WAITING FOR YOU TOO.
.....
HEY...
...DO YOU KNOW WHY A GIRL WOULD CUT HER HAIR?

SIGN: WHITE TEAM WINS!!
白組優勝!!
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, SHE'S HAD IT SHORT LIKE THIS SINCE OUR SECOND YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.


PUI (FWP)
I AM NOT.
AREN'T YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHY SHE WON'T GROW IT OUT!?


WELL, YOU KNOW
BY THE WAY, ALL THESE PHOTOS OF MIZUKI, ARE THEY__?

WELL... I MIGHT BE A BIT CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR COUSIN...
...JUST A LITTLE, BUT...
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GABA (SPRING)
OH!
I'M IN THIS PICTURE TOO.
...HER HAIR.. I DON'T REALLY—
PERAPERA (FLIP)

EVIL SPIRITS BUILD UP IN HER HAIR, SO IT'S BEST FOR HER TO CUT JUST THE ENDS FROM TIME TO TIME?
RAN-DOM TRIVIA ?
NO, YOU WON'T.
I'LL TAKE THIS ONE.
GOAL. BEST IN JAPAN
A PLEDGE TO MAKE A GOAL?
IN THAT CASE, SHE'D BE A LITTLE MORE OPEN ABOUT IT.
.....
A BROKEN HEART?
IF THAT HAPPENED, I WOULD HAVE NOTICED.
JI (STARE)
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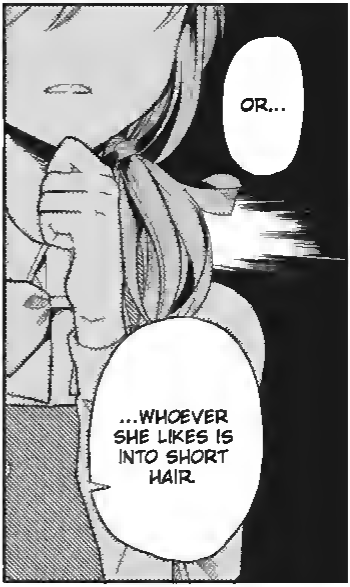
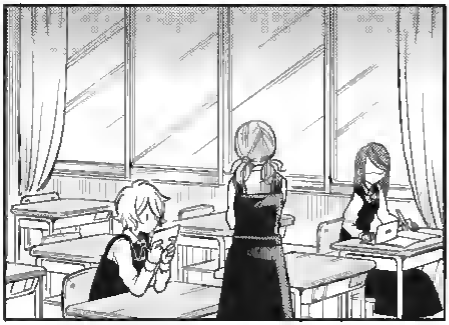
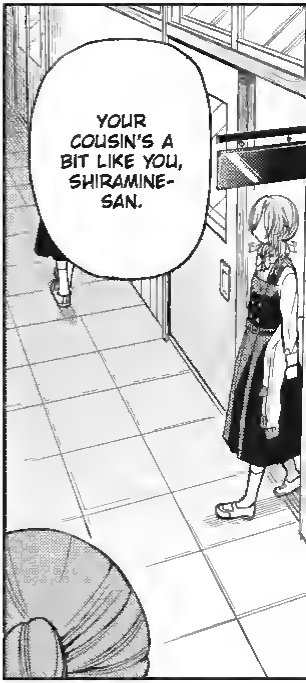
YOU LIKE PEOPLE WITH SHORT HAIR!?
EH!?
.....
THE PERSON MIZUKI LIKES?


OR...
...WHOEVER SHE LIKES IS INTO SHORT HAIR.



Nope.
I DON'T REMEMBER EVER SAYING I LIKE A PARTICULAR TYPE.
THEN I HAVE NO IDEA.
YOURSELF.

YOU THINK SO?
I GUESS OUR FACES ARE A LITTLE SIMILAR.
NOT YOUR FACES.


YOUR COUSIN'S A BIT LIKE YOU, SHIRAMINE-SAN.

I WAS JUST THINKING THERE ARE MORE KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD THAN I THOUGHT.
SO IF IT'S ONLY SOME-TIMES...

HMM.
...I GUESS IT MIGHT BE OKAY TO RUN TOGETHER.
CONFLICTED
OH! BUT...
!!!
ばーん
BAN (TA-DA!)
...I THINK SHIRAMINE-SAN IS THE MOST WONDERFUL!!
YOU CAN'T JUST GO TAKING THINGS WITHOUT ASKING!!
キーン コーン
KIN (PING) KON (DONG)
SIGN CAFETERIA
ZAKU (MUNCH)
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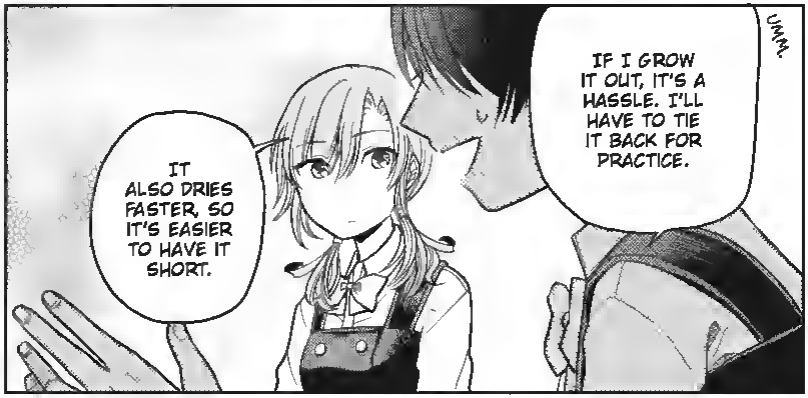
食
ザワ
ZAKU

ぽい
POKE (SPACEY)
TAKING THE PEPPERS OUT
TIME TO EAT!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE THE GREEN PEPPERS OUT?
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE TOTALLY SPACED-OUT.
ZAWA (CHATTER)
ザワ
ZAWA
ザワ
GACHA (KACHA)
ガチャ
I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT I STILL HAVE NO IDEA.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID ANYTHING. JUST FORGET IT.
TAKE MY PEPPERS.
.....
ABOUT THAT THING THIS MORNING ...

SIGN: NEW FALL MENU



I DON'T REALLY...
...WANT YOU TO KNOW, MOE...

SHE TURNED BEET RED
HOW EMBARRASSING IS THIS REASON ANYWAY...?
MOZO (FIDGET)
NO MATTER HOW CLOSE WE ARE, IT'S NOT GOOD TO PESTER HER ABOUT SOMETHING SHE WANTS TO HIDE.
REFLECTING
I AM CURIOUS THOUGH.
NOT A BOARDING STUDENT
HEH-HEH.
WHAAAT!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU FIGURED OUT THE REASON!?
JACKET: SEIRAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL TRACK TEAM
IT'S NO GOOD.
I'M TOO CURIOUS.
.....
YOU'RE SO MEAN, MOE.

I'LL ASK HER ONE MORE TIME...
...BUT WHAT IF SHE ENDS UP HATING ME...?
KARARA (RATTLE)
カララ
EVEN THOUGH ...
...I JUST WANT TO KNOW HER BETTER...
PI (BEEP)
PI PI PI
CHUN (CHIRP)
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CHUN
PAKON
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PAKO
パコッ
PAKO (WHACK)
パコッ
UTSURA (DROWSY)
うつら
うつら
UTSURA
I'M SO TIRED.
EVEN AFTER THINKING ABOUT IT ALL NIGHT, I STILL DON'T KNOW.
YUP, I THOUGHT ABOUT IT ALL NIGHT.
BOHE (DAZED)
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AH!
ヒュ
HYU (WHOOO)
ううっ…
UUO (NOOO)
WATCH OUT!
GO (KIIIII)
AHH—

I WASN'T KIND TO SOMEONE SO IMPORTANT TO ME...
DIVINE PUNISHMENT.
...EVEN THOUGH I LOVE HER. WHY?
WHY CAN'T I STOP DOING THINGS THAT HURT HER?

MOE!!
ARE YOU OKAY!?

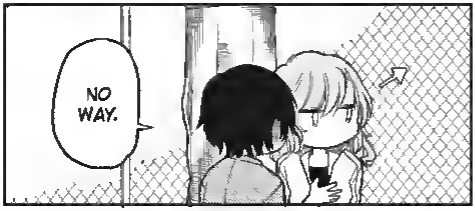
PACH (POP)

YOU'RE OVER-REACTING.
ANYWAY, LIE DOWN!!
YOUR MOM'S COMING TOO.
WE HAVE TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL. SENSEI SAID SO...
YOU GOT HIT IN THE HEAD WITH A BALL!
...OF COURSE YOU'RE NOT!
AHHHHH!

I LOST MY BALANCE AND FELL DOWN...
SOME-THING HIT ME.
IT'S NOTHING BIG...

...AND THEN, I WAS SO TIRED, I JUST SORT OF FELL ASLEEP.
I COULDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT.
ZZZ...
.....
YOU COULDN'T SLEEP?
HP

MUNI (SQUEEZE)
WHY DIDN'T YOU GET SOME SLEEP?


NO WAY.

SORRY, MIZUKI.
THAT WHOLE THING YESTERDAY KEPT YOU...?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HER BAG?
SHE SEEMS OKAY

HENA (SLUMP)
HENA (SIGH)
S—
SERI-OUSLY ...
...WHAT A RELIEF.
HENA

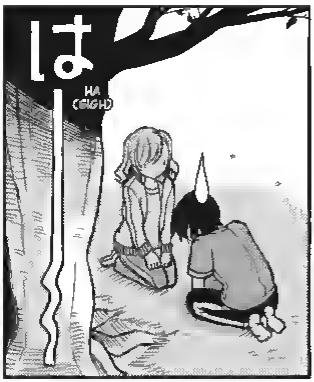
I KNOW IT'S NOT COOL TO GO POKING AROUND AT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO HIDE...
YOU DUMMY...

...BUT BEFORE I EVEN KNEW IT, I WAS WAY TOO CURIOUS ABOUT HOW YOU WOULD REACT IF I FOUND OUT.
SO SOMEHOW
NOW, LOOK HERE...
THAT IS NOT "SOME-HOW."

I'M SORRY.
I REALLY DO WANT TO BE MORE MINDFUL OF YOU, MIZUKI.
I...

SO (SNIF)

I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.
IT'S SELFISH, ISN'T IT?
FORGIVE ME.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HA (LAUGH)

.....
YOU WON'T LAUGH?
POTSUN (THONK)
DEPENDS ON WHAT IT IS.

GU (CLENCH)

KAXX-SAN IS SO COOL!! I'M GONNA DO SHORT, BLACK HAIR!
IF IT WAS BECAUSE OF SHOJO MANGA, THAT'S FINE... TOTALLY IN THE REALM OF WHAT I IMAGINED.
IT'S NOT THAT. ALTHOUGH, THAT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING IN AND OF ITSELF...

...IT'S...

!?
IT'S BECAUSE ...
...YOU'RE SO CUTE, MOE!

BUT... WHEN I WENT IN THIS DIRECTION...
I TOTALLY WOULD HATE IT IF PEOPLE WONDERED WHY YOU WERE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME.
NEGA (SOBBING)
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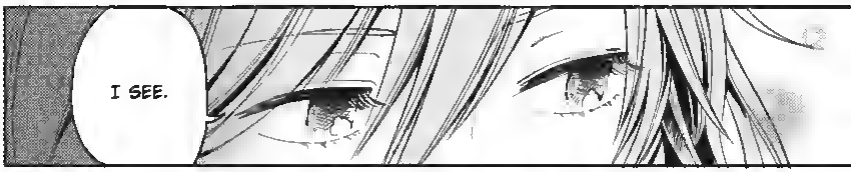
NEGA (SOBBING)
ネガ"
NEGA
ネガ
YOU HAVE SUCH BIG EYES. YOUR EYELASHES ARE LONG. YOUR HAIR'S SO SOFT...
WHO WOULD SAY THAT...?
...EVERYONE SAID IT WAS A GOOD FIT WHEN I STOOD NEXT TO YOU...
GONYO (MUMBLE)
ごにょ
GONYO
ごにょ
MAYBE I LIKE IT A LITTLE BETTER TOO. OR, LIKE...
I GUESS
FURU (SHAKE)
ふる
FURU
ふる
YOU'RE LAUGHING, AREN'T YOU!?
SORRY!
IT'S JUST...
I MEAN...
YOU'RE SO MEAN!!

NOT FOR NOW...
I MEANT WHAT I SAID ABOUT PRACTICE.
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GROW IT OUT?
HA HA HA HA HA.
WELL, I ALREADY SAID IT, SO I'LL JUST OWN IT.
SATA (SHIFT)
I DO WANT TO BE CUTE TOO, BUT...
...AS I GET CLOSER TO BEING SOMEONE WHO DESERVES YOU...
...I FEEL LIKE...

...I GET TO LIKE MYSELF A LITTLE MORE.


I SEE.

(GOSO (CRUETLE)
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YOU SHOULD GO TO THE HOSPITAL.
IT'S ALL RED.
WOW. YOU REALLY DID GET HIT IN THE HEAD.

HERE. YOUR BAG.
OH! SORRY!
YOUR STUFF FELL—
AWAWA (FLUSTERED)
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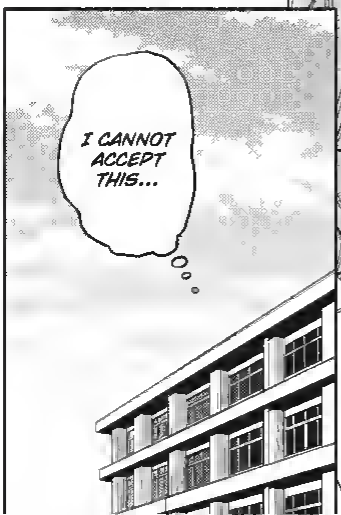
THEY'RE ALL PHOTOS OF ME!!
OHHH... THOSE WERE STILL IN THERE.
THANKS.

(SO NERVOUS)
UM. THIS ONE...
WHERE ON EARTH...?

NOW THAT I'VE GOTTEN THIS FAR, I'M AIMING FOR THE FULL COLLECTION.
APPARENTLY, I'M SOMETHING OF A COLLECTOR.
YOU'RE LIKE A STALKER, MOE.


I CANNOT ACCEPT THIS...

HUH?
THAT'S A SECRET.
SARARI (SMOOTH)

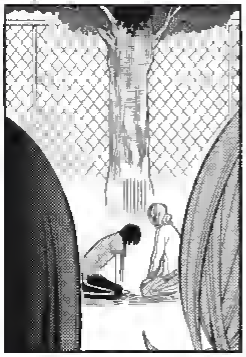
When It Rains, It Pours

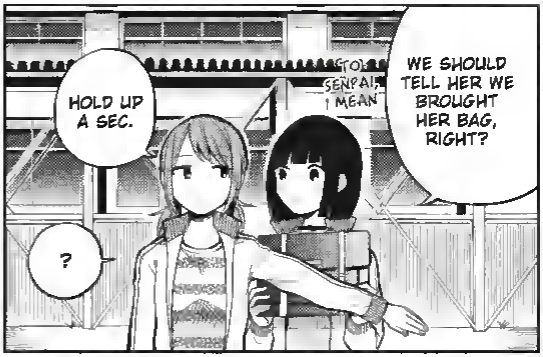
RURI

FIRST-YEAR, CLASS 7
TRACK TEAM ALTERNATE
BROUGHT UP LIKE A PRINCESS AND CALM, BUT A BIT CHILDISH

YAKUMO

FIRST-YEAR, CLASS A
SHORT-DISTANCE RUNNER
THE OLDEST OF FIVE CHILDREN, SHE IS GENTLE TO THE CORE





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* *Moe Nikaidou* *

Moe Nikaidou

Second-year at the Seiran Academy High School. Manager of the Track team. It's hard to tell from her expression, but she's more positive and passionate than pretty much anyone else. She adores Mizuki. She collects both important and unimportant things related to her object of interest. She hates green peppers. She has a cat and an older brother.

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HUH?
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AYAKA-CHAN, SHE'S ALREADY GONE OUT.
...I WANTED TO HANG OUT WITH HER TODAY.
I THINK SHE'LL BE HERE TOMORROW.
YOU WANT ME TO TELL HER YOU STOPPED BY?
FRI
SAT
4
5
11
12
AYAKA PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB
18
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25
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AYAKA DRAMA CLUB
SHE PROBABLY WENT TO HELP SOME CLUB OR SOMETHING.
SHE DOES THAT SOMETIMES
SO THEN, THAT MEANS YOU DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS NOW?
ZUI
CLOSING
HMMM.

I'M GOING TO PRACTICE RIGHT NOW. COME WITH ME.
I'LL COME.
GASH! GRAB
I HAVE TO TELL HER
MOE'LL BE HAPPY TOO.
GOSO (OIG)
I SAID I WOULD, SO I FEEL LIKE I HAVE TO
HUH!?
REALLY?
IT'S THANKS TO AYAKA-CHAN, HUH?
I caught Kanzaki-san! You have a jersey for her?
THIS GIRL IS A HASSLE.
BOYON (BOOM)
BEGUN TOOKA
... MOE ..
.. WILL BE HAPPY ..

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE SOMEONE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO HANG OUT WITH AYAKA-CHAN.
YOU GUYS REALLY GET ALONG, DON'T YOU?
THANKS.
...SHIRAMINE-SAN PROBABLY DOESN'T LIKE IT.
ALL SHE DOES IS GET MAD AT ME.
AYAKA-CHAN'S SWEET TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD BUT TOUGH AT HOME.
SHE MIGHT THINK OF YOU AS AN "AT-HOME" PERSON.
...HUH? COME TO THINK OF IT, KUROSAWA-SAN...
...ISN'T TODAY...
26
AYAKA DRAMA CLUB

Chapter 5: Farewell, Strawberry Age

I'M USED TO BEING ALONE.
COME AGAIN ANYTIME, OKAY?
THANKS, KUROSAWA-SAN.
THIS WAS REALLY INTERESTING.
禾火
NOTEBOOK CONFIDENTIAL, MIZUKI DATA
OH!
KURO-SAWA-SAN!
ドキッ
(DOKI) (SPLUNK)
ポイ
POI (TOSS)
I DID SOMETHING THAT'S NOT LIKE ME.

WHAT A COINCIDENCE!!
UEHARA...
...SAN?
AND KUSAKABE-SAN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
MEETING SOMEONE?
...SHIRAMINE-SAN WASN'T HOME...
I WAS THINKING I'D JUST GO HOME...
AND NOW, I HAVE NOTHING TO DO.
...SO I STOPPED AT TRACK PRACTICE THIS MORNING INSTEAD.
I COULDN'T TELL IT WAS HER...
SO? CUTE??

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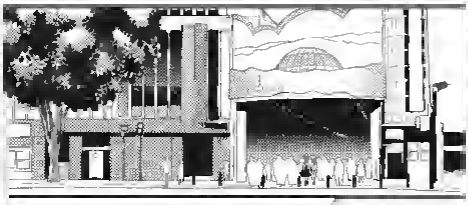
HYOI (BOUNCE)
THEN HANG OUT WITH US!!
OKAY!
NO! NO!
WE'RE HANGING OUT WITH KUROSAWA-SAN!
AI!
YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO PEOPLE—
OH.
HANG OUUUT!
I KNOW SHE'S ALWAYS BUGGING YOU.
HANG OUT!!
HAAANG OUT!!
SORRY, KUROSAWA-SAN.
C'MON! HANG OUT!

SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
...HAPPENED BEFORE TOO.
WHY NOT TRY IT?...
EVERYONE JUST WANTS TO GET TO KNOW YOU.
GYU (CLENCH)
OH...!
I'LL COME...

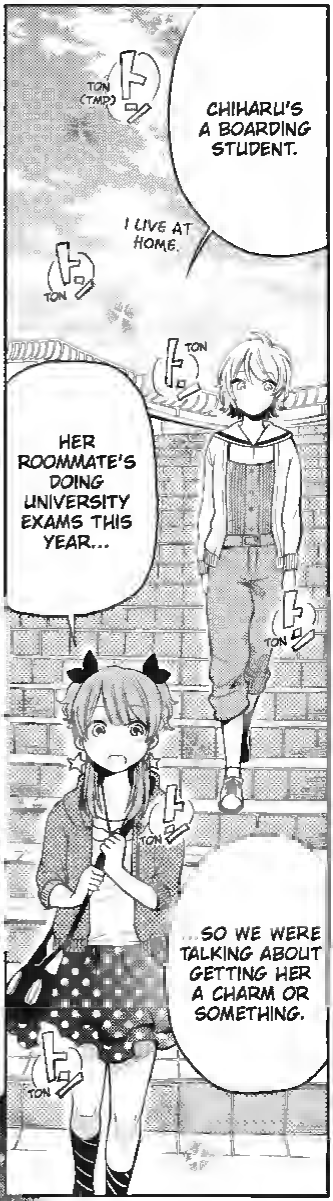
YOU'RE ON MY TEAM, KUROSAWA-SAN!
OKAY, THEN!
GUI (GRAB)
?
OKAY, CHIHARU.
SEE YOU LATER!
TEAM?
HEH...
TODAY, CHIHARU'S THE ENEMY.

WHAT!? IT TOTALLY HAS TO BE THIS ONE!
ISN'T THIS ONE BETTER?
...BUT ME AND CHIHARU DON'T HAVE THE SAME TASTE...

WE'RE GONNA DO IT!
WE HAVE TO FIND ONE THAT'S CUTER THAN CHIHARU'S!
...SO WE DECIDED TO EACH GET ONE SEPARATELY!



SO, CHIHARU'S ROOMMATE... SHE'S SUPER GROWN-UP. SHE'S REALLY NICE.


CHIHARU'S A BOARDING STUDENT.
I LIVE AT HOME.
HER ROOMMATE'S DOING UNIVERSITY EXAMS THIS YEAR...
...SO WE WERE TALKING ABOUT GETTING HER A CHARM OR SOMETHING.
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TON (TMP)

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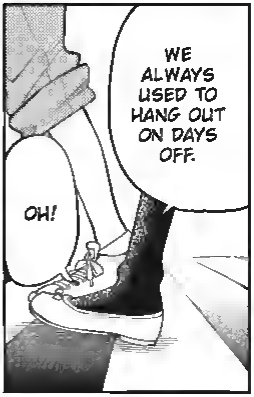

I GUESS SO.
LUCKY ME!!
SO THEN, TODAY IS A SUPER-RARE EVENT?
USUALLY ...
...THERE'S NOTHING I WANT TO DO.
I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO HANG OUT WITH.
JUST SLEEP..
HMM!?
OKAY, THEN!
IT'S NOT LIKE ME TO GO OUT LIKE THIS.
I WILL BE FRIEND NUMBER ONE!!
ALL RIGHT!!
.....
WHAT'S THE POINT IN TALKING ABOUT THIS?

.....
OH!
HERE IT IS!
...HERE?

BEAR! BEAR!
IT WAS HARD TO PICK, BUT THE RED ONE IS THE CUTEST, ISN'T IT?
CUTE, RIGHT!?
WHAT ABOUT THE CHARM?
...SOMETHING CUTE IS WAY BETTER!
RIGHT!?
ARE YOU SURE?
ABOUT THAT...
RATHER THAN SOMETHING TOTALLY NOT CUTE LIKE THAT...
THE ONES LIKE THIS.
THIS IS IT!

PLEASE...
...LET SENPAI GET INTO HER TOP SCHOOL!!
I'LL PUT POWER INTO IT, SO IT'LL WORK.
.....
PERFECT! IT'S PERFECT!
AH HA HA!
ZAWA (MUNCH)
ZAWA
...WHATEVER.
DOESN'T MATTER.
YOU THINK ...
...SENPAI'LL LIKE IT?

YOU WORKED SO HARD TO PICK IT OUT FOR HER, AFTER ALL.
...I'M SURE SHE WILL.

RIGHT!?
PA (GLOW)

YUP!

FRIENDS GET MATCHING THINGS!
TOGETH-ER?
LET'S BUY SOMETHING TOGETHER!
OH! HEY!

IS THAT SO?
TODAY ...
...WENT BY FAST.
I WONDER WHAT SHIRAMINE-SAN'S DOING.
.....
GUESS I'LL GO HOME.
KURO-SAWA-SAN!!!

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HA (PANT)
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HA

ZUN (THUD)
SHIRAMINE-SAN!
ZUN
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
ZUN
DOSA (FAM)
ZUN
ZUN
DID YOU SOMEHOW READ MY MIND THAT I WANT TO SEE YOU?
GASHI (GRAB)
TODAY...
...IS YOUR BIRTHDAY!?

HUH?
YEAH.
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT?
I DIDN'T TELL YOU.
HUH? (CF. INT.)
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RAN ALL THE WAY
十"
ZE (WHEEZE)
?
IT'S NOT LIKE I LIKE YOU THAT MUCH...
AS SOON AS SHE CAME HOME
WHAT!?
THAT'S WHAT MOE SAID.
OH, RIGHT, IT'S HER BIRTHDAY, I GUESS.
FROM MIZUKI, SINCE MOE-SAN TOLD HER...
THAT GIRL KNOWS WEIRD THINGS
...BUT LET ME AT LEAST CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY.

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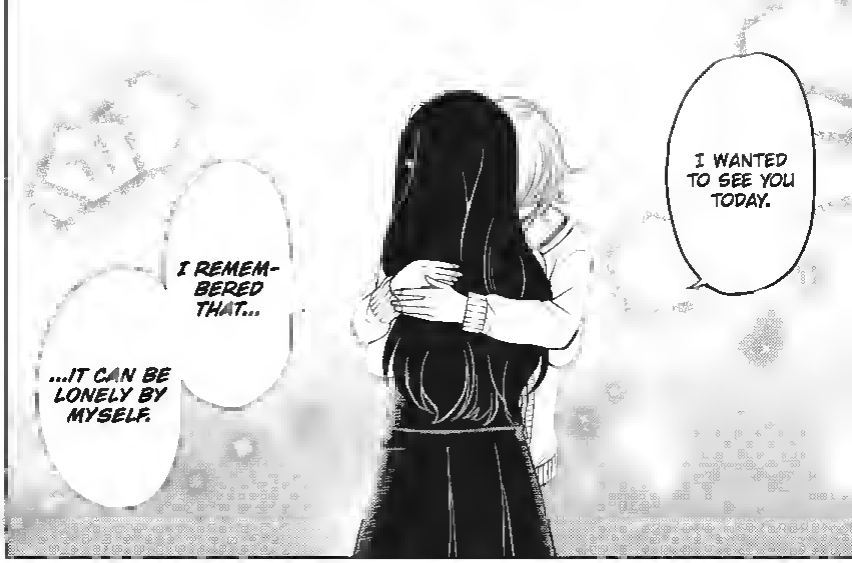
HAA (SIGH)
GASA (RUSTLE)
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO THE DORM, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU SHOULD HAVE CALLED ME EARLIER—
!?
HUH?
H—
HEY!!
IT'S ALMOST LIKE I MADE YOU CRY...!
PORO (PLOP)
ぽろ

KAA (BLUSH)
FIVE SECONDS!
JUST FOR FIVE SECONDS.
WH—
WHAT ARE YOU...
SHIRA-MINE-SAN...
...CAN I HUG YOU?
OF COURSE NOT!
...MY BIRTH-DAY.
I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONNA CELEBRATE ...
ACK
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
...IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, SHIRAMINE-SAN.
GYU (SQUEEZE)
OKAY.


I WANTED TO SEE YOU TODAY.
I REMEMBERED THAT...
...IT CAN BE LONELY BY MYSELF.

CHIRA
GASP!
CHIRA (GLANCE)

.....

UH-HUH.
H—
HEY!

BA (LEAP)

IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT THAT I THOUGHT I SHOULD SAY SOMETHING AT LEAST.
UH-HUH.
THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M COOL WITH YOU OR ANYTHING...
UH-HUH.
...BECAUSE I HATE YOU.
UH-HUH.
!...
I JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO GET THE WRONG IDEA!
UH-HUH.

To Be Continued

NENE
25 YEARS OLD. HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR. SHE SEEMS NICE, SO SHE'S POPULAR WITH STUDENTS.

CHIHIRO
26 YEARS OLD. CITY HALL EMPLOYEE. SHE'S BEEN WRAPPED AROUND NENE'S FINGER SINCE THEY WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL

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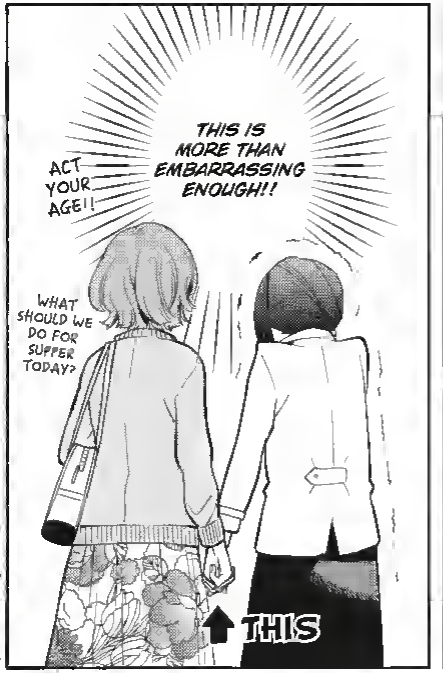

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I-I HAD NO IDEA WHAT YOU WANTED OR ANYTHING ...
IT'S...I'M SORRY IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM.
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME ANYONE'S GIVEN ME FLOWERS.
I AM SO VERY SORRY THAT I'M NUMBER TWO AGAIN!!
Term 2 Mi
1. Kurosawa
2 Shiramine,
3. Ohki Mifuyu, 485
4 Sato Wakana, 479
...IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU HAD MANAGED TO BEAT ME IN THE SECOND TERM MIDTERMS.
NO, I'M SUPER HAPPY.
BUT IF I HAD TO SAY...
YEAH.
I CAN'T WAIT!
FOR YOUR NEXT BIRTHDAY, I'LL GIVE THE GIFT OF NOT GETTING TO SAY THAT.

AFTERWORD

HI THERE, NICE TO MEET YOU. MY NAME IS CANNO.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PICKING UP *KISS AND WHITE LILY FOR MY DEAREST GIRL!*

WHEN MY EDITOR CAME TO ME WITH THIS, I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE SOME KIND OF NEW TRICK (SORRY), BUT I'M REALLY DELIGHTED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO PUT OUT THE BOOK LIKE THIS. WRITING THE AFTERWORD TO A FULL VOLUME HAS BEEN A SECRET DREAM, AND IT CAME TRUE. HOORAY!

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I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN IN VOLUME 2.

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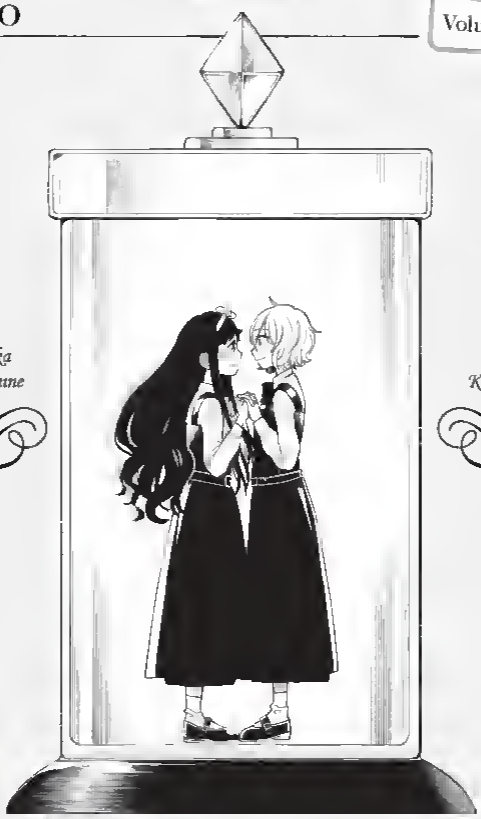

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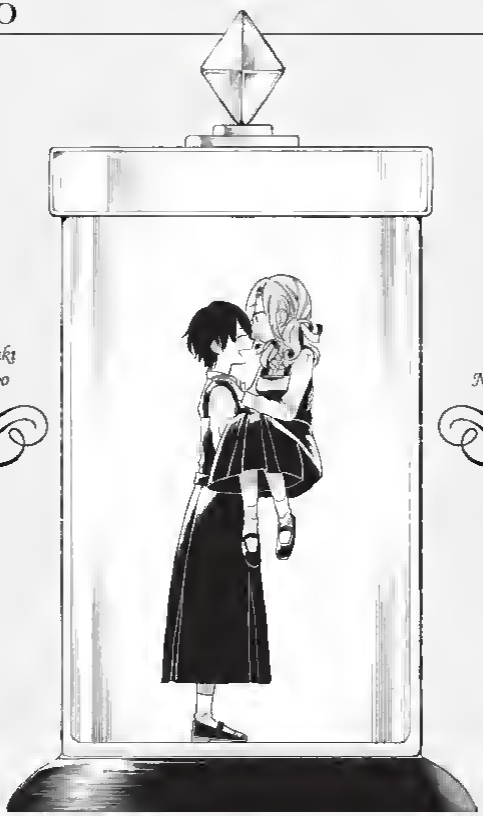

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